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MANY AFTER COURSE

MARYVILLE'S CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD TO SECURE IT.

DEAN MUMFORD WRITES

Saying That if Maryville is Successful, Week of Feb. 12 to 16 Will Be the Week.

Dean F. B. Mumford of the college of agriculture of the state university at Columbia, in a letter to J. Fred Hull, secretary of the Commercial club committee on securing a branch short course in Maryville, says that these branch short courses under the direction of the state agricultural college will be located where the guaranteed number of students is largest, and that if Maryville is successful the week of February 12 to 16 will be the dates for the meeting at Maryville. Dean Mumford's letter to Mr. Hull follows:

"In regard to your recent communication about branch short course at Maryville, I think it will be safe to promise you that if a branch short course is assigned to Maryville, it will be possible to promise you the week of February 12 to 16, 1912. You are to be congratulated on the splendid enthusiasm and enterprise of the people in your territory. The competition for these branch courses is very keen. We shall locate them impartially, and at the present it seems that we shall be compelled to locate them where the guaranteed number of students is largest. We must also pay some attention to the districts. From your letter I judge that Maryville has a very good chance to secure the location of a branch short course."

A meeting of all persons interested in securing the short course in agriculture for Maryville will be held Saturday afternoon at the court house, and at this meeting plans for securing students will be discussed.

Two or more instructors from the state college, as the demand may require, will give their entire time for five days to lectures and demonstrations in such subjects as the local needs call for. The possible range of instruction will cover soils, farm crops, grain judging, breeding, feeding and judging live stock, stock farm management, dairy husbandry, fruit growing, vegetable gardening, and planting the home grounds, and from these our community can certainly get some of value.

A number of our farmers have attended the short courses in agriculture at times, but the great majority have not been able to get to these. Now is a chance to bring the instruction home to us, and the keep bringing it here. Now is your chance to get for 50 cents a day what would otherwise cost dollars per day. If we attend the course and get even one idea of value we have our money's worth many times over. And it is scarcely possible to meet our state men every day for five days and get nothing from it. It is certainly worth trying for; we cannot lose anything, and we may gain. Why can't Nodaway have the largest class in the state? We need

just such a chance to meet with the men from our college of agriculture to get their views and exchange them for ours, and get right at what they know, and get it in such a shape that it will benefit us.

TODAY THE SHORTEST DAY.

After This the Sun Will Stay Up Later Every Evening.

Today is the shortest day of 1911, the turn of the solar year. The sun has been slipping away from us at the rate of about two minutes a day since June 21, reducing its working day from nearly fifteen hours to nine and one-half hours. But the sun is quite human in the way he begins to extend his day; he does not do it by getting up any earlier but by going to bed later. In fact, he does not rise any earlier than he did this morning until January 21, but by that time he will be retiring about half an hour later. The sun rose at 7:15 o'clock Thursday and will lose one minute every three mornings until the end of the month and keep to a 7:19 schedule for the first two weeks of January. About one minute a day is gained in the setting hours.

SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED OFF.

Bond Issue Fight in Jefferson Township Had Become So Bitter Fr. Decided to Call It Off.

Rev. Fr. Placid of the Conception abbey issued letters the first of the week to the voters in Jefferson township, calling off the special election that was to be held Thursday, because of the bitter fight on the proposed bond issue for \$25,000 that was to be used for good roads and bridges in that township. Fr. Placid was the prime mover of the bond issue.

Fr. Placid said in his letter that "all of the road bonds and all of the money on earth are not worth this fight. Therefore let us stop."

On Visit to Parents.

Mrs. C. F. Parker and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McGinniss, living south of the city, went to Pickering Thursday noon for a short visit with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wray.

James C. Ferritor of Sparks, Nev., is expected to arrive in Clyde Saturday for a visit with his father there and also with relatives near there. Mr. Ferritor will also visit in Maryville looking after business matters here and to visit with his brother, E. L. Ferritor. Jim Ferritor is chief dispatcher for the Southern Pacific at Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell of Hopkins came to Maryville Wednesday morning to spend the day in Christmas shopping. They also visited their daughter, Miss Lela, a State Normal student, who makes her home with Mrs. Sarah Crosby while attending school.

Mrs. O. M. Snider of Webb City, Mo., who has been visiting at the home of her brother, W. J. Snider, living west of Maryville, left for her home Wednesday evening. Mrs. Snider came to Maryville from an extended visit in California.

Is Made Depository.

The St. Joseph postoffice has been made the depository for postal savings funds taken at a number of smaller offices in this vicinity, and will receive all money deposited at those offices, and place it in the banks here.

This means added importance to the office at St. Joseph, though no material benefits attend it. These offices will send their postal savings deposits here to be cared for: Maryville, Burlington Junction, Maitland, Maysville, Tarkio, Rockport, Mound City and Fairfax.—Gazette.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Allen of St. Joseph, who have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Allen's brother, Edward M. Walker, north of the city, went to Hopkins Thursday noon to visit their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Lowrey.

To Spend Christmas at Decatur.

Will F. Phares will leave Thursday night for Decatur, Ill., where he will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Phares.

Miss Bertha Scowden went to Gaynor Thursday to visit until after Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Ellen Fannon returned to her home in Barnard Wednesday evening after a two days visit in Maryville with Mrs. L. Woodworth.

Attorney Merrill Otis of St. Joseph was in the city Thursday.

ONLY 2 MORE DAYS SHOT WHEN HUNTING

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS ARE PUTTING IN TIME WELL THESE DAYS

A GOOD XMAS TRADE SPORT ABRUPTLY ENDED

Is Reported By All of the Maryville Stores—Many Attractive Show Windows.

The Christmas trade this year has been so steady, no head-whirling rush at any time, that our merchants believe they have had the best all-round Christmas trade in years. The people are buying deliberately, with more care than usual, and it would seem that in every home there is some preparation being made for a sensible observance of Christmas. Of course, there are some folks who never can do their shopping early, it seems, and Friday and Saturday may prove hard days to our merchants and their clerks.

It may be owing to the fine selection of Christmas goods that the people began buying early; anyway, there has not been a more suitable selection in every line of holiday goods to choose from. And their arrangement in display has had not a little to do with early Christmas shopping in Maryville. Our merchants have arranged some of the most attractive windows, while the interior of their stores have been the subject of much favorable comment by visitors to our city.

Maryville people who frequently visit St. Joseph and Kansas City say the show windows in Maryville for the past month would have looked perfectly well in either of those cities, and that in several instances were right up to the notch. Our merchants have placed the best the markets afford for their Maryville patrons, and we are glad to know that they have been rewarded with a generous Christmas patronage.

ANOTHER MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

The President Sent One on the Nation's Finances and Cut in Expenses is Shown.

In today's issue of The Democrat-Forum, on page 8, will be found the which was sent to Congress today. The message deals with the financial condition of the treasury, needed banking and currency reform and departmental questions. The Democrat-Forum publishes the message at the same time as the city papers.

Leaves Tonight for Dakota.

William Lazenby of near Gaynor was in Maryville Thursday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Shroyer. Mr. Lazenby will leave tonight for South Dakota, in the Rosebud reservation, to visit his children.

Mrs. W. A. Harbison of Pickering returned home Thursday from a visit since Tuesday with Mrs. W. J. Wilson.

Mrs. Ethel James of Elmo was shopping in the city Thursday.

EARL BOOTH INJURED BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN.

SPORT ABRUPTLY ENDED

Knee Was Injured and He Will Be Laid Up for Some Weeks—Two Brothers Were With Him.

While out hunting on the farm of William Booth, seven miles northwest of Maryville, Thursday morning, a party of young men had their sport brought to an abrupt end by the accidental discharge of a gun that injured one of the party.

The injured young man, Earl Booth, who is 22 years of age, is a son of William Booth. His gun went off unexpectedly and he received the shot in one knee. Dr. K. C. Cummins of Maryville was called and dressed the wound, which is not serious, although the young man will be laid up for some little time.

The other members of the hunting party were his two brothers, Harvey and Tom Booth, and a neighbor, Arch Willhoite.

AUTO TAGS GOOD TILL FEBRUARY

New State Licenses Will Not Be Issued for Six Weeks.

Jefferson City—Secretary of State Roach wants the 17,000 owners of automobiles in Missouri to understand that the license plate they now have will be valid until the first day of February, 1912, and that under no circumstances can a 1912 license be used prior to that date.

Owners of vehicles, however, may send in their applications for 1912 license plates at any time prior to February 1, and they will be duly listed and shipments made so as to reach destination by February 1.

Met Sister From Ohio.

Judge and Mrs. J. H. Saylor of this city, accompanied by Judge Saylor's father, J. M. Saylor of Hopkins, spent Tuesday in Burlington Junction at the home of their brother and son, W. G. Saylor. They made the visit at this time to meet Mrs. George F. Dew and children of Wauson, O., who were spending the day in Burlington Junction at the Saylor home. Mrs. Dew and her family left Tuesday night for the Pacific coast to spend the winter. They were recently bereaved of their husband and father, the late Rev. George E. Dew. Mrs. Dew is a daughter of Mr. J. M. Saylor of Hopkins.

Here From Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Clark and son of Chillicothe arrived in Maryville Wednesday night to visit over Christmas with Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Clark of the Ream hotel. The visitors had intended making the trip to Maryville in their new automobile if the recent snow had not interfered. Mr. Clark is proprietor of the New Leeper hotel at Chillicothe, and is also part owner of the Linville hotel of Maryville.

FARMERS BUYING MEAT.

According to Hopkins Paper Many Farmers Have Lost Hogs.

According to the Hopkins Journal many farmers in that section are buying meat. The article in this week's Journal follows:

Bob Coleman, one of our largest and most successful farmers, told the Journal last Friday morning that he was in town to buy meat for dinner.

This sounded strange, coming from a man who generally has from one to two hundred head of hogs on his farm, with cellar full of barreled pork and spareribs and sausage at this time of year "until you can't rest."

The cholera struck Bob's herd of hogs some two months ago and he now has only five or six left and they are reported as "puny."

But Mr. Coleman is not the "only tin can in the alley." Many other farmers in the vicinity of Hopkins have suffered great financial loss by the swine plague. In fact, he is told by shippers that hogs are never known to be as scarce in the territory as at the present time.

The disease has proven fatal among hogs of the entire corn belt, it being worse in some parts of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Nebraska than it has been here, and the indications now are that pork next year will reach the high water mark, so far as price is concerned. Beef, too, in sympathy with pork, will no doubt sell at fancy prices.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Was Printed in Wednesday's Paper, the Same Day It Was in the City Papers.

In Wednesday's Democrat-Forum was President Taft's message to congress, transmitting the report of the tariff board on schedule "K." The message was printed in this paper at the same time it was printed in the afternoon city papers. The president would revise schedule "K," and urges congress to adjust the wool tariff, that consumers may be helped and manufacturers not injured.

Hopkins Pastor Has Resigned.

Rev. Henry Baker, pastor of the Christian church at Hopkins, has resigned to take effect the first of the year, when he will leave for Enid, Okla., to accept a position tendered him in the University of Oklahoma. He will be teacher of homiletics, hermeneutics and Biblical exegesis.

Arrived From Texas.

Mrs. J. B. Russell of Esterline, Texas, to visit at the home of her brothers, L. R. and A. J. Holt. Mrs. Russell was summoned to Maryville on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Holt, who is very ill at the home of her son, A. J. Holt.

On Visit to Father.

Mrs. Raymond Sykes of Meeker, Colo., arrived in Maryville Wednesday noon for a Christmas visit with her father, Squire John W. Morris. This is their first visit together in ten years.

Shoppers From Arkoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coulter, Miss Mary Coulter, Mrs. Walter Veisley, Miss Josephine Auld and Miss Ruby Clements of Arkoe were Christmas shoppers in Maryville Thursday.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued Thursday by Recorder Wray to David A. Anderson and Miss Minnie Olive Reece, both of Elmo. They are to be married on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Chandler and their two little girls and Mrs. M. C. Gwinn and daughter, Miss Mary, of near Bedison, were in Maryville Thursday among the Christmas shoppers.

COURT IN SESSION

RIFFLE CASE DECIDED FOR THE DEFENDANT, MRS. RIFFLE.

OTHER CASES WERE UP

Judge Ellison on Bench Thursday, Hearing Motions—Mollie Lewis Case Dismissed.

The Riffle case to set aside a deed, after having been on trial two days, came to a close Wednesday night, when the court gave a decision for the defendant. The title of the case was Wm. H. Riffle vs. Mary K. Riffle, and it is a case that has been on the court docket here for several years. The evidence was finished at Wednesday afternoon's session, and the arguments of the attorneys followed, which lasted until after 9 o'clock that evening. Judge J. W. Peery sat as special judge in the case.

A motion for a new trial was filed by the plaintiff, and the case was continued until January 25, when the motion will be taken up by Judge Peery. Also at this time the case of Elizabeth Gowney vs. Patrick J. O'Donnell et al., to set aside a deed, will come up before Judge Peery.

In the case of the state vs. Mollie Lewis, prosecuting Attorney Wright enters nolle pros.

Court was in session Thursday, with Judge W. C. Ellison on the bench. Motions for new trial in the cases of George Crossan vs. James Vert, and also in the damage suit of C. C. Dougherty vs. A. J. Holt were argued by the attorneys, but no decision was given by the court. The injunction suit of James Borchers vs. Joseph Brewer was argued before the court late Thursday afternoon by the attorneys.

Thursday was the last day of court, and an adjournment will be taken until January 25, when a special term is to be held.

To Become City Editor.

H. F. McDougal of Ottawa, Kan., arrived in Maryville Wednesday night and will commence work Monday as city editor of the Tribune. He will succeed O. R. Geyer, who intends to leave soon for Oklahoma. Mrs. McDougal will join her husband here in a week or so. Mr. McDougal has had several years of experience in newspaper work and we welcome him to the city.

Corn and Poultry Show Now On.

The second annual corn and poultry show commenced Thursday at Gullford and will continue the rest of the week. B. P. Smoot of Columbia is to judge the corn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Wilson of Burlington Junction were among the Christmas shoppers in Maryville Thursday.

The Weather

Generally fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight.

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Students in the

Maryville Business

College Before Xmas

200 Coming, Jan. 2

Yes, indeed; your photos will be ready for Christmas. All sitting made before Friday will be finished on time.

Remarkable? Not when you consider the advancement of modern photography, our splendid equipment and our system of handling orders.

Just as good as usual? Of course otherwise they would not have a name on them.

All frame orders promptly and properly filled.

F. R. MARCELL, The Photographer

MARCELL'S Advertisement



Christmas Thoughts

Cluster Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Seeded Raisins, Clean Currants, Walnut Meats, Pecan Meats, Almond Meats, Pistachio Meats. All kinds of nuts in shell. Mince Meat, Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake.

J. R. BRINK & CO., Good Clean Things to Eat

Special Christmas Candies

A fine large assortment of Christmas Candies all kinds. Exceptional prices made teachers and Sunday Schools for quantities.

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Maryville, Mo.

DO YOU NEED GLASSES?

Eyes Tested Free

Glasses Accurately Fitted by expert Optician. Repairs Promptly Executed at

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Treats eyes with glasses only. He can give you 5,000 references in Maryville and Nodaway county. Ask your neighbors about Finn's glasses that make weak eyes strong.

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Alderman's Guide For Last Minute Shoppers---Gifts For Every Member Of The Family Described Here

Special Preparations Have Been Made to Take Care of Last Minute Shoppers—This Store is at Your Service. Shop Early in the Day!

KIMONA SILKS Soft kimona silks in beautiful persian, floral and bordered designs, 27 and 36 inches wide. Price, the yard, 50c.	WOMEN'S GLOVES 16-button length, real kid gloves, in black, white and shades of tan. \$3.50. Virginia Kid Gloves, \$1.50. Vernon, \$1.	PARISIAN IVORY FRAMES In white, blue and pink, for all sizes of pictures, oval or square. Priced from 15c to 50c.	VELVET BAGS The latest shapes in velvet bags are now on display. The prices range from 75c to \$8 each.	PICNIC SETS Picnic sets for one or two persons, folding knives, forks, spoons, and drinking cups. Pigskin case. From \$3 to 5.	MEN'S KNIVES Knives imported from Germany, solid pearl or novel enameled handles. Very best quality. Priced from 75c to \$2.50.
SILK DRESS PATTERNS Foulard, satin messaline, taffeta and Surah silks in checks and stripes. Price, by the yard, 75c.	MEN'S GLOVES Men's Gloves, made of fine cape-skin, gunmetal color, \$1.50. Boy's capskin Gloves, for children 5 to 10 years, \$1.25.	COMMUNITY SILVER Community silver in the four best patterns. 50 year guarantee. In sets and separate pieces. Medium prices.	PEARL BEADS Pearl beads in long and short strands and pearl bandeaux are always quite popular as gifts. Many prices.	CHILDREN'S WORK BOXES Fitted complete and ready to use, with thread, needles, thimbles, embroidery floss, hooks and eyes and buttons. 25c to \$1.25.	LEATHER SLIPPERS Soft leather slippers for men or women. In leather case to match. Soft soles. Price \$2.50 a pair.
SILK SCARFING In shades of lavender, pink, light blue, floral designs, price 39c yard. Silk crepe scarfing, lavender, blue, pink and green, 75c yard.	ROYAL SOCIETY PIECES Hand embroidered library and dresser scarfs, pillow covers, shirt holders, tie racks, collar boxes, etc. \$1.25 to \$5.	JEWEL CASES A good assortment of jewel cases in many beautiful designs left. In silver and gold. Priced from 25c to \$3.75.	CUT GLASS A good chance to get cut glass for the table for the Christmas and New Year dinners. On special sale at \$3.95.	HAT PINS A large showing of hat pins in a great variety of styles. Make a good small gift. Priced from 10c to \$1.25.	READING LAMPS Electric reading lamps, green bases, with onyx, glass or brass bases, with shaded glass. From \$3.50 to \$10.
WOOL BLANKETS Large size wool blankets, in grays, tans, plaids and white. Extra values at the price. From \$5 to \$8.50 each.	CLUNY PIECES Genuine hand made linen cluny pieces. Dollies, center pieces, lunch cloths, scarfs, etc. Priced from \$1 to \$15.	MESH BAGS Mesh bags still continue in favor. We have them from the children's sizes at 10c to the best possible grade at \$10.	STERLING DEPOSIT WARE The newest thing in glass ware. Sterling silver is laid in the glass in novel designs. Can be polished if tarnished. All prices.	MOTTOES "My Wish For You," "The Rosary" and many other different mottoes. Suitable for gifts. In the center aisle.	FANS Fans made of fine lace or with apangles, ivory handles. A very appropriate Christmas gift. From \$2.25 to \$4.
CHILDREN'S SWEATER SUITS Coat and cap to match. Best quality. All wool. White with blue borders. Price \$2.50 a suit.	LEATHER NOVELTIES Leather opera bags, book covers, card holders, pillow covers, and table mats. Priced from \$1.50 to \$10.	<div>PRESENTS FOR EVERYONE</div>			
WOMEN'S BEDROOM SLIPPERS Knitted slippers with thick lambs wool soles. In delicate shades of pink, light blue and lavender. Price \$1 a pair.	CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES Traveling cases, sewing companions, clipping books, pin cushions, ribbon holders, needle books, etc. From 25c to \$2.50.				
WOMEN'S FLEECE GOWNS Very soft and thick, made extra large. A very practical, sensible gift. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$1.75.	SERVICEABLE VEILS Genuine "Stronghair" veils with Shetland finish. All new shades, including black and white. From 69c to \$2.00.				
MEN'S FLEECE NIGHT GOWNS Cut in good, big sizes. Made of medium weight outing flannel. Something every man would appreciate. From 75c to \$1.25.	GIFT BOXES Suitable for handkerchiefs, gloves, fans, hosiery, purses, veils, jabots, towels, etc. Holly and poinsettia designs, 5c.				
INFANTS' KNITTED BOOTEES Come in several different weaves and shapes. Dainty combinations of pink, light blue and white. Fadeless yarn, 25c.	WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS All-linen handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, hemstitched, 15c to \$1.75. Lawn scalloped and lace edged handkerchiefs, 15c to \$2.				
INFANTS' CROCHET SACQUES Made of heavy, soft yarns to match the bootees. Will wash well. Priced at 50c.	MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS All-linen handkerchiefs, with initials, hemstitched, 25c to 50c. Silk handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 75c to \$1.25.				
KNITTED NEWPORTS Just a few left. Made of heavy wool. A good variety of colors to choose from. Price \$1.	CANDLES All colors, for Christmas decorations, 5c each. Small candles for the Christmas tree also in stock.	SIDE FRILLS The most popular fancy neck-wear. In white, black and cream colors. A big variety. Priced from 25c to \$2.	ALLOVER LACE For a special gift give allover lace to make beautiful waists. A wide variety to choose from.	UMBRELLAS FOR MEN The famous "Hull" umbrellas, with detachable handles, plain or inlaid. Silk or silk and linen. From \$2.50 to \$10.	IRON TOYS Hook and ladder wagons, trains, automobiles, fire engines, stoves, cash registers, banks, etc. From 25c to \$1.50.
AVIATION CAPS Big, soft and fluffy. White only. All hand made. Quite becoming to nearly every face. Priced at \$1.50.	JEWELRY Brilliant brooches, bar pins, in Roman gold and bright gold finish. Priced from 25c to \$2.50.	LACE COLLARS Collars made of Macrame, baby Irish and hand made cluny lace. All new styles. Prices range from 25c to \$5.	WOMEN'S SILK HOSE Women's silk hose in colors and black. Some are all silk, others silk and lisle. Priced from 50c to \$2.	UMBRELLAS FOR WOMEN "Hull" umbrellas, detachable handles and tops, to fit into a suitcase. All silk and silk and linen. From \$2.50 to \$5.	GUNS Daisy air rifles from 50c to \$1.50; pop guns, at 25c; pop guns with shooting gallery for 25c.
CHILDREN'S TOQUES Warm, knitted wool toques. Made of bright colored yarns. Something that boys and girls will want to wear, 25c and 50c.	BEAUTY PINS Beauty pins in all shapes and for every purpose. A large showing. Moderately priced from 10c to \$1.25.	SCARFS Graceful scarfs made of soft silk Crepe de Chine and beautiful scarfing silks. Nearly all colors. 50c to \$1.75.	EMBROIDERED HOSIERY Black lisle hose embroidered in black and colors. Very dainty designs. Priced by the pair, 50c and 75c.	DAMASK PATTERNS Cloth and napkins to match, beautiful designs, the cloth bordered on all sides. Priced from \$5 to \$15 a set.	DISH SETS China dishes, floral designs, 3 to 32-piece sets, from 25c to \$1.50; porcelain dish sets from 39c to \$1.
STUFFED CUSHIONS Satin, embossed velvet and velour cushions. In brown, green and red colors and floral designs, \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75.	BELT PINS In pearl, turquoise, ruby, emerald, and amethyst settings mounted in Roman and bright gold. All the new shapes.	WAIST FRONTS Hand embroidered waist fronts, in light blue. Designs are particularly dainty and pleasing. At \$2 each.	MEN'S HOSE Good, heavy quality of silk hose, black only, for \$1.50 a pair. Silk lisle in all colors, 50c.	LINEN TOWELS Satin damask and huck towels, hemstitched and scalloped ends, embroidered designs. From 50c to \$1.25 each.	METAL DISH SETS Something new. Unbreakable dishes, decorated with designs in colors or with nickel finish, from 10c to 50c set.
PILLOW COVERS AND SCARFS Embroidered on blue, green, red and brown burlap, 25c and 50c. Linen colored scarfs to match, floral and applique designs, 50c.	COMBS Brilliant back combs, some in Christmas boxes. Very handsome shapes and mountings. Priced from 25c to \$2.00.	CORSET COVERS Embroidered corset covers, packed one in a box. Exclusive designs. Complete with straps to match. \$1 to \$1.50.	ROBE MATERIALS Beautiful robe materials, silk net embroidered with pink chenille roses, also beaded net in colors. \$1 to \$7.50.	BED SPREADS Fringed with cut corners, scalloped with cut corners and plain hemmed spreads, in honeycomb and Marseilles patterns. \$1 to \$6.	ANIMALS AT 1-3 OFF Cows, horses, goats, sheep, dogs, bears, cats, elephants, mules, rabbits, etc. from 50c to \$5, for one-third off.
PENNANTS For the college girl and boy. In school colors with old English, block and shaded monograms. Priced from 25c to \$1.25.	TOILET WATER Every year more persons give toilet waters as an intimate gift. We feature the best—Richard Hudnut's. Different sizes and prices.	<div>Alderman Dry Goods Co.</div> <div>114-116-118 WEST THIRD STREET ♦ ♦ ♦ MARYVILLE MO.</div>			
			SILK WAIST PATTERNS Waist patterns in fancy checked taffetas and messalines, in stripes and figures. Priced from \$1.50 to \$3.50 a pattern.	CHRISTMAS BOOKS Christmas books for little children, all kinds, drawing books, fairy tales, etc., priced from 5c to 25c each.	

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Largest Circulation in
Nodaway County

A Dinner Decoration Idea.

For our Christmas dinner party, a hoop—wound with red tissue paper—was suspended from the ceiling and hung over the center of the table. To this were fastened turlan stockings, one for each person. A red ribbon ran from each stocking to the plate of the guest for whom it was intended. The stockings contained jokes in the shape of toys and verses, and chocolates, popcorn, etc. No one was allowed to look into his stocking until dinner was over.—Good Housekeeping Magazine

Why Ada Neve Married.

Her mother's explanation: "She was always hard to suit."
Her father's explanation: "She could not find a man her intellectual equal."
Aunt Fanny's explanation: "Young men are not what they were in my day!"
Brother Jim's explanation: "She was never much of a looker, anyhow."
Her best friend's explanation: "She never was asked, that's the reason."
Ada's own explanation: "I could not bring myself to give up my church and settlement work!"—W. W. White, lock in Life.

PROSPERITY OF THE NAVAJOS

They Have Ample Pasture and Make Money by Their Silver Work.

The Navajos are today by long odds the most prosperous Indians in America. Their vast reserve offers ample pasture for their sheep and ponies, and though their flocks are a scrub lot, yielding little more than fifty to seventy cents a head in wool on the average, still it costs nothing to keep sheep and goats. Both furnish a supply of meat. The hides fetch ready money. So do the wool and the blankets. And the Navajos are the finest silversmiths in America. Formerly, they obtained their supply of raw bullion from the Spaniards, but today they melt and hammer down United States currency into butterfly brooches and snake bracelets and leather belts with the 50-cent coins changed into flower blossoms with a turquoise center. Ten-cent pieces and quarters are transformed into necklaces of silver beads or buttons for abirt and moccasins. If you buy these things in the big western cities they are as costly as Chinese or Hindu silver, but on the reserve there is a very simple way of computing the value. First take the value of the coin from which the silver ornament is made. Add a dollar for the silversmith's labor, and also add whatever the value of the turquoise happens to be and you have the price for which true Navajo silverwork can be bought out on the reserve.—Travel Magazine.

Planning for Mother.

Mrs. Shepherd looked bewildered when her sons announced that six of "the boys" were coming up on the noon train. "They want to see our camp," said Ted.
"Why didn't you tell me this morning," Mrs. Shepherd wailed, "when the butcher was on the hill?"
"Oh, they won't expect to be regularly entertained," Hal said, comfortably. "We'll just picnic."
"Good!" said Ted, approvingly. "They aren't hard to please. Just put some stuff in a basket, and it will be all right, mumsey. Fried chicken'd be great, and just a few ham sandwiches, some of that chocolate layer cake you make, and a few doughnuts or apple puffs, and maybe seed-cakes, if there are any."
"There you are, mumsey," said Hal, encouragingly, "everything all planned for you!"—Youth's Companion.

Painting Watch Hands.

Near the jeweler's front window sat a young woman painting with an exceedingly delicate brush.
"She is painting the hands on those black open-faced watches," the jeweler said. "A lot of people who buy black watches complain that they cannot see the gold hands against the black background. It has never occurred to the managers to make the watches in the first place with white hands, so when the customer's requests it the young woman paints the hands white."

Distinction.

Senator Lotsum—Who is this Mc Chunkerson that wants a consulship, and what claim has he on me for a political job?
Private Secretary—He says he's the only man who hasn't been mentioned as a candidate for governor of Illinois.

Miss Chloe Shopbell of Pickering came to Maryville Wednesday evening to visit her sister, Mrs. Vern Dixon.

Starts On Time To-Night

EMPIRE

MOTION PICTURE SHOW

A Meritorious Program

"Barriers Buried Away"

"The Legend of Lake Desolation"

"Rescued In Time"

Vitagraph

Pathe

Lubin

A REGULAR SHOW
at REGULAR PRICES

Children 5c Adults 10c

Miss Myrtle Nixon, who is teaching in Chicago, arrived home Thursday morning to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Nixon.

Auction sale of up-to-date picture frames (16x20) on the square Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Will go to the highest bidder.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Stackhouse of Conception were Maryville business visitors Wednesday.

GIFTS—Pictures for everybody. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Truman Kellogg of Barnard was in Maryville Wednesday.

Heroic Treatment.

The physician turned to the office patient in the canvas coat and leggings.

"You must follow my directions implicitly," he said, handing him a small vial of liquid. "You are to take three drops in water every four hours."

"Three drops in water every four hours?" ejaculated the patient, in a bewildered manner. "And 'm an aviator!"—Lippincott's.

Miss Mayme Bloom of Arkoe was shopping in Maryville Wednesday and visited Mrs. John Stundon.

George S. Heck, who has been sick for several days, was much better Wednesday.

A Lower Bid.

"By gorry," said Pat, as he read over the morning paper. "Here's Larry Deolan failed for half a million."

"The graspin' omadhaun!" cried Mike. "Sure, an' o'd do ut fer ttn!" —Harper's Weekly.

GIFTS—Ladies' bags, \$1.50 to \$10. See them at CRANE'S.

The Ruling Passion.

"How is Mrs. Dumley? I understand the doctor gave her up?"

"Yes, he did. But she's better. The other day she thought she was sinking and sent in a hurry for her women neighbors."

"Well,"

"In ten minutes they were all playing bridge."

Thrifty Housewives take advantage of our Friday Bargain Grocery Sales. They save a little on each purchase besides receiving somewhat fresher and better goods.

DON'T OVERLOOK THIS ITEM.
Include in your order 25c for Sugar and get 5 lbs PURE CANE GRANULATED.

1 pkg each Skinner's 10c MACARONI and VERMICELLI for.....15c
2 cans Merry War or Eagle High Test LYE for.....15c
4 cans 10c NIX FOR DIRT.....10c
2 lbs SUNSHINE GINGER SNAPS 15c
8 lbs LUMP SAL SODA.....15c
25c pkgs RUB NO MORE for.....16c
10c box COW SODA for.....7c
100-lb sacks fine GRANULATED SUGAR for.....\$6.25
Swift's SNAP SOAP, if ordered with other goods, 3 bars for 5c; 18 bars for.....25c
Armour's PICNIC HAMS, sugar cured, per lb.....11c
P. & G. WHITE NAPTHA SOAP, 5 bars.....19c
Fairbanks' FAIRY SOAP, 5 bars.....19c
Fairbanks' 5c SUNNY MONDAY SOAP, 5 bars.....17c
3 lbs SWEET PRUNES.....25c
1 lb CITRON, ORANGE or LEMON PEEL.....15c
1 lb best DATES.....10c
3 lbs COOKING FIGS.....25c
3 lbs large COOKING RAISINS.....25c
Gallon cans WASHINGTON BLACK-BERRIES, cans chuck full.....48c
1 dozen cans IOWA CHIEF SUGAR CORN.....85c
Half dozen cans BEST FRENCH PEAS.....90c
Half dozen cans Libby's Pyramid brand finest ASPARAGUS TIPS, 30c goods, for.....\$1.18
15c box SUNSHINE SODA CRACKERS for.....65c
80c box SUNSHINE CRISPY CRACKERS for.....70c

THIS STORE WILL CLOSE AT 10 A. M. CHRISTMAS DAY.

Fresh COUNTRY EGGS, 2 dozen.....55c
Best farm BUTTER, per lb.....25c
Fancy CELERY, large bunch.....10c
Quart jars Premium PRESERVES for.....20c
Quart jars SWEET CUCUMBER PICKLES for.....20c
Quart jars SOUR CUCUMBER PICKLES for.....20c
Huntsmen Favorite EATING APPLES, peck.....35c
Golden Rule BUTTERINE, in 1-lb cartons.....20c
Nice quality ALMERIA GRAPES, per pound.....20c

GOOD STOCK DELAWARE HOLLY. FINE QUALITY MISTLETOE.

Finest NEW YORK OYSTERS, per can.....25c and 30c
SHELL OYSTERS, Blue Point, 3 doz.....25c
Half dozen cans, 1lb each, PINK SALMON.....65c
1 dozen cans No. 1 COVE OYSTERS for.....85c
12 cans Van Camp's best MILK.....48c
12 cans Van Camp's large size (16 ozs) MILK.....95c
1 doz quart cans best HOMINY.....80c
Quart cans PORK AND BEANS, with tomato sauce.....10c
Size No. 2 cans PORK AND BEANS, with tomato sauce, 4 for.....25c
1 dozen cans SWEET WRINKLED PEAS.....\$1.50
1 dozen cans best INDIANA TOMATOES, quart size.....\$1.12½
1 dozen cans best INDIANA TOMATOES, size No. 2.....90c

CHASE'S QUEEN QUALITY CHOCOLATES, per lb.....35c

THE TOWNSEND CO.
THE ONLY LARGE EXCLUSIVE CASH STORE IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI.

Vanishing Boundary.

"Poor old Alf!" sighed Mrs. Crimp, as the form of her husband vanished down the road. "He's growin' shockin' bald!"

"Yes, I've noticed it," assented her neighbor. "Ever since his last illness he's been molting, as you might say. I hope he ain't worryin' over it, Mrs. Crimp."

"Well, it do bother him a bit," she admitted.

"And well it might," said her neighbor. "When my old man lost his hair he felt the cold somethin' terrible."

"Oh, it ain't the cold that worries Alf," replied Mrs. Crimp. "It's the bother he has when he's washing himself. If he doesn't keep his hat on, poor dear, he can't tell where his face finishes!"—London Answers.

GIFTS—Complete stock of kodaks. See them at CRANE'S.

Special Poultry Prices

I will pay the following prices for poultry delivered at the southeast corner of the square, Maryville, Mo., Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23:

Hens, per lb.....9c
Young roosters, per lb.....9c
Old roosters, per lb.....14c
Geese, per lb.....8c
Ducks, per lb.....10c
Leghorns hens, per lb.....7c
Leghorn young roosters, lb 7c
Hides, per lb.....9c

FRED ROGERS

The Store to go to
for Christmas Gifts

PARLE'S PHARMACY

If you want a handsome and useful article, don't fail to see us. We have a great variety of articles that will make gifts that will last for years and always be a constant pleasure to the recipient :: :: ::

Ladies' Work Boxes
Manicure Sets
Toilet Sets
Collar and Cuff Boxes

Toilet Cases
Military and Brush Sets
Shaving Sets
Perfumes

Then we have a nice line of the best cigars. Bought especially for the Xmas trade and an assortment of pipes, the finest ever seen in this town. Pipe smokers be sure to see our line of pipes.

Call and see our goods and you will find just what you want and the price will be just right.

T. J. PARLE

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THE FLYING MERCURY



A romance of motor racing that will thrill you like the sight of whirling cars. A modern story with a modern setting that we can truthfully say moves with a rapidity sufficient to satisfy any reader. A delightful serial about to appear in these columns.

Dont Miss the Opening Installment

The First Chapter of This Fascinating Serial Will Appear
Next Tuesday, December 26

Forty Third Annual Clearing Sale



Christmas Coming



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS



OF HOLIDAY GOODS

The Most Complete Stock Outside of the Large Cities in

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, Sterling Silver and Plated Ware, Toilet Sets, Manicure Goods, Fine Umbrellas, Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Pictures and the most complete stock of Holiday Books, Eastman Kodaks, Etc., at money saving prices. One price to all

AT

CRANE'S Book and Jewelry Store

Christmas Candies, Fruits and Nuts At MARK'S, South Side Square FINE BOX CANDIES, CHOCOLATES, CREAMS & Fancy Candies

MISSOURI FARMERS' WEEK.

To Be Held at Columbia from January 8 to 12.

The dates of the next Missouri farmers' week, as the big annual gathering of the farmers of the state has come to be called, are January 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The place is the agricultural college at Columbia. Farmers' week is held under the auspices of the state board of agriculture, the agricultural college co-operating and putting on a four days' short course.

In this short course practical instruction is given in the various subjects in which the general farmer, the live stock specialist, the dairyman, the horticulturist and the poultryman are interested. Special attention is given to live stock and grain judging. Practically the entire teaching force

of the college will give the week's time to this work.

In addition to the members of the college faculty there will be a large number of prominent men and women on the program arranged by the board of agriculture. Among these may be mentioned A. J. Glover of Hoard's Dairyman, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.; Joseph E. Wing of the Breeders' Gazette, Chicago; President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, Professor Alva Agee of the Pennsylvania state college, Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, Minneapolis, Minn.; R. J. Kinzer, secretary of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' association; Herbert J. Krum, editor of the Saddle and Horse Show Chronicle, Lexington, Ky.; Dean H. L. Russell of the Wisconsin Agricultural college, and Hon. A. N. Abbott, member

Illinois legislature and extensive farmer and cattle feeder.

The Missouri state corn show will be held in the agricultural college during farmers' week. The premiums amount to more than \$3,999 in cash and farming implements, and include a handsome \$200 silver cup offered by the state board of agriculture for the first time.

Live stock breeders will find that this year's program contains more "meat" for them than has any previous program, and a correspondingly large increase in attendance is anticipated.

The country women of Missouri are especially invited. There are to be four interesting days of home economics work, a meeting of the Missouri Women Farmers' club, daily instruction in poultry husbandry, and discussions touching the most vital questions that have to do with the country home.

A dozen or more associations, including breeders of horses, sheep, cattle and hogs, will hold meetings during the week, as will the Farm Management association, Dairy association, and others.

The exercises of the week open Monday night and close Friday night with the seventh annual farmers' banquet. Each evening there will be a program of music, popular addresses and illustrated lectures.

Governor Herbert S. Hadley, State Superintendent of Schools W. P. Evans and other prominent officials and educators will be in attendance.

Each visitor who registers during farmers' week will be provided with a beautiful badge. The attendance is expected to reach 2,000, and Columbia is making preparations for this many people. Reduced rates on railroads.

Programs and further information may be had by addressing T. C. Wilson, secretary Missouri state board of agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

HAD NO PERMIT FOR DOGGIE

So the Woman Dropped Her Pet Off the Car and Resumed Her Seat.

The little woman with the laundry blue and gangrenous green flowers on her hat all scrambled up into a Wilton rug design got on the car carrying a dog. It was one of those aristocratic, foolish-looking dogs that couldn't overtake a Welsh rabbit. "Got a permit for that dawg?" asked the conductor when he came around for the woman's fare. "Haven't? Then you'll have to get off the car."

"Well, I'll not get off the car," retorted the woman. "You can't stay on here with that dog unless you've got a dog permit," insisted the conductor.

The woman got up, dog under one arm, as if to get off. But as she rose she repeated: "I'll not get off. So there!"

Still, she walked to the rear platform as if in contradiction of her own assertion. The conductor was ready to signal the motorman to stop.

But the woman had declared she wasn't going to get off, and she intended to keep her word. She poised the dog carefully in her palms, tossed him off into the street, at the same time bidding him "Go home!"

Then she came back into the car and dropped languidly into her seat with a bored tilt to her face.

Mrs. C. G. Swinford of Pickering returned home Wednesday after a two days' stay in Maryville doing Christmas shopping and visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swinford.

GIFTS—Rings in great variety. See them at **CRANE'S.**

Mrs. J. H. Feight of Milo, Ia., returned to her home Thursday from a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. David Ferris, who was operated on at St. Francis hospital Tuesday.

GIFTS—Boys' and girls' books. See them at **CRANE'S.**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ulmer and son of Coia, Ia., were in Maryville Thursday on their way to Hopkins to visit Mr. Ulmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ulmer.

Auction sale of up-to-date picture frames (16x20) on the square Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Will go to the highest bidder.

GIFTS—Hand-painted china plates, 75c and \$1.20. See them at **CRANE'S.**

Mrs. Henry Tool and daughter, Miss Helen, of Conception, were shopping in Maryville Wednesday.

FOUND—Pocketbook. Owner please call Mrs. W. R. Wells, R. D. 1, Maryville. Hanama 2-B. 21-23

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Mrs. Marion F. Smith, 505 North Buchanan. Bell phone 193. 21-23

Mrs. Carl Murray and two little daughters went to Bedford Thursday to visit over Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. M. Kemp.

Mrs. N. A. Wagner and son, Everett, of Pickering were in the city Thursday.

D. R. EVERSOLE & SON

These very special prices will prevail on the following merchandise to clean up our winter stocks.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF COTTON AND WOOL BLANKETS AT COST---NOTHING RESERVED

It is our desire not to carry over a single garment in ladies', misses' or children's coats, and in order to move them out quick we offer them at the following prices:

Seven ladies' black cloth coats, worth \$25.00 for	\$15.00
Choice of any \$18.00 and \$20.00 coats for	\$10.00
Choice of any \$15.00 coats for	\$7.50
Choice of any \$10.00 coats for	\$5.00

All misses' fancy mixture coats at **ABSOLUTELY HALF PRICE**
All infants' and child's coats at **ABSOLUTELY HALF PRICE**

Ladies' Dresses

Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to buy these fine garments at Half Price. Nothing is reserved with the exception of our chabre dresses.

We bought too heavy on ladies', misses' and child's sweaters and the stock must be reduced before inventory. The stock will be sold at the following prices:

\$6.00 and \$6.50 values.....	\$4.00
4.00 values.....	2.75
3.75 values.....	2.50
2.50 values.....	1.75
2.00 values.....	1.38
1.75 values.....	1.25
75c and .85c values.....	.50c

Furs

We offer our entire fur stock at **ONE FOURTH OFF**. This is the first reduction of the season on furs and no doubt will be taken advantage of by the Christmas buyers.

Umbrellas

Special for Friday and Saturday

Ladies' umbrellas with detachable handle and tip.	
\$5.00 values.....	\$4.25
4.50 values.....	3.98
4.00 values.....	3.48
3.50 values.....	3.00

See our showing in our North window.

Other Specials for Friday and Saturday

Manicure sets, very fine qualities. We have just six sets left and we want them sold by Saturday night.
\$5.00 values.....\$3.75 \$3.00 values.....\$2.00

Ladies' Mesh Bags

\$12.50 values for.....	\$7.50	6.00 values for.....	4.98
7.50 values for.....	5.00	A reduction of 50c on all other values.	



Let Us Make You a Christmas Present

We have too many Boys Knickerbocker Knee Pants Suits, ages 13 to 17, about 100 suits in the lot, made by Ederheimer Stein & Co., the "Xtragood brand," the best Boys' suits on the market. For this week only we will make the following prices:

\$10.00 Suits	\$7.50	\$7.50 and \$6.50 Suits	\$5.00
\$9.00 and \$8.50 Suits	\$6.50	\$5.50 and \$5.00 Suits	\$4.00
		\$4.50 and \$4.00 Suits	\$3.00

If you want to make a substantial present to your boy or some other boy, get busy.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS ALL THIS WEEK

Corwin-Murrin Clothing Co.

Give him a bank book On Christmas Morning

It is the best present you can give a boy. It will teach him the habit of saving and he will thank you in after years for starting him on the road to fortune. You can open it with so little as a dollar, but whatever the sum is, it will help the boy more than anything else you can offer him.

Come into this bank today and let us show you how you can do it.

NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

CAPITAL \$100,000.00
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Within the Reach of All

A Box of Cigars from 50c per up.
A Nice Briar Pipe from 25c up.
A Real Meerschaum from 75c up in a Case.

Not the kind they write jokes
about after Xmas, either . . .

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Liquors,
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THE BEER OF QUALITY

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WIRE WAR ON IN EARNEST

Postal Company Preparing to Connect
Independent Phone Systems.

TO FIGHT WESTERN UNION-BELL

Rivalry Between Two Great Corporations Will Give Telephone Connection to Small Concerns Independent of Big Monopoly.

New York, Dec. 21.—A move to combat the American Telephone and Telegraph company has just been made known in the announcement by Minor M. Davis, recently appointed superintendent of telephones of the Postal company that the Postal Telegraph-Cable company will string heavy copper wires over its entire system for the independent telephone companies to use for long distance connections. The Western Union Telegraph company went into the control of the American Telephone and Telegraph company November 17, 1909. The American Telephone and Telegraph company owns the Bell system and its alliance with the Western Union gave the consolidated company an enormous advantage over the Postal, which had no telephone system.

After the taking over of the Western Union by the telephone company the war between the two telephone companies became fiercer than ever. The Western Union originated night letters and the Postal soon followed its example.

The Western Union began delivering and receiving messages by telephone. So did the Postal. But the connection between the Western Union and the Bell company is a great handicap for the Postal.

The object of the Postal in stringing the new wires is to give the independent telephone companies toll line connections with the larger cities, independent of the Bell. The wires may be used for both telephoning and telegraphing.

Minor W. Davis, who has been appointed superintendent of telephones—an office just created—has been electrical engineer of the Postal company since its organization. He will push the new plan as fast as possible.

Competition between the Postal Telegraph company and the American Telephone and Telegraph company, began in a small way in Texas.

Last summer the Mackay companies subsidiary, the Postal Telegraph company, announced that it would parallel the telephone lines of the independent Telephone and Telegraph company of Texas which, although called the Postal Telegraph-Cable company of Texas, was not controlled by the New York company of similar name. This concern has gone over to the Western Union-American Telephone and Telegraph ranks and the Mackay companies' subsidiary has been fighting it in the courts because of alleged discrimination in rates and service in favor of the Western Union combination.

GOOD ROADS CAUSED TROUBLE

Election to Vote Bonds Called Off
Because of Fuss Among Neighbors
Over Proposition.

St. Joseph, Dec. 21.—A good roads bond election, in Jefferson township, has been called off because of the bad feeling engendered in the campaign. A proposition to vote bonds of \$25,000 was to be submitted. The bonds were strongly advocated by Father Placidus of Conception Abbey, and there had been a vigorous campaign. Families were split on the proposition. At the instance of Father Placidus, the election is called off. He said they would rather not have the roads improved than to create enmity among friends and neighbors. Most of the residents are Catholics.

To Investigate Cherokee.

Topeka, Dec. 21.—At the request of C. E. Bramlette, sheriff of Cherokee county, Gov. Stubbs is going to send a man to that county to investigate the dismissal of the 30 cases against liquor men. Sheriff Bramlette was here and discussed the Cherokee situation with the governor for more than an hour.

Slashed a Capitol Painting.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Vandals entered the Capitol and mutilated "The Battle of Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the paintings which adorn the walls of the corridors and stairways. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left hand corner.

Drove 414 Turkeys to Market.

Montgomery, Mo., Dec. 21.—A drove of 414 turkeys was driven overland in the snowclad roads from Mineola to this city by Crane Brothers of Mineola, and sold for 15 cents a pound. The total weight was 6,719 pounds, making the price \$1,007.85. They were two days on the road.

Emperor Franz Joseph Ill.

Vienna, Dec. 21.—Emperor Francis Joseph's condition is again causing uneasiness. The emperor never recovered completely from his recent illness at Godollo and has been suffering from stomach trouble.

PACKERS RESORT TO TECHICALITY

Indicted Men Try Trickery to Secure
Release.

SURPRISED, COURT ADJOURNS

Millionaires, Facing Prison, Ask Acquittal Because of Alleged Flaw in Wording of Indictment.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Formal notice that the defense will present a motion to have Judge George A. Carpenter instruct the jury to return a verdict finding the ten Chicago meat packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law not guilty for the reason that the United States district attorney, James H. Wilkerson failed to make out a case in his opening statement to the jury was given by an attorney, Levy Mayer, at the opening of the afternoon session.

At the same time Mayer moved to dismiss counts 2 and 3 of the indictment because they do not mention the National Packing company which the government charges was the instrument used in fixing the prices of meat. He asked to have other allegations made by the district attorney, as not coming within the 3-year period covered in the indictment.

The action of the defense came as a surprise to the government and caused Judge Carpenter to adjourn court until 10 o'clock in the morning when he will rule on the motion.

"Counsel for the defendants have agreed to present three motions," Mayer said. "The first is to have the case taken from the jury for the reason that the government's opening statement has utterly failed to make out a case under the five counts of the indictment."

"We shall support this motion with the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the cases of the Standard Oil and the American Tobacco companies."

"It is the argument of the government that the National Packing company constituted a cloak by means of which the packers continued the fixing of prices and the regulation of their output which had heretofore been accomplished by a pool. Therefore, the government on its own theory seeks to recover a verdict which must be based on facts and circumstances growing out of the operation of the National Packing company preceding the 3-year limit covered by this indictment. If there be eliminated all the facts and circumstances of the National Packing company for three years beginning in 1907 there would be no shadow of a case to go to this jury."

District Attorney Wilkerson vigorously opposed the motions by the defendants' counsel. He explained it was necessary for the prosecution to plead to all the evidence in the case.

OLD WAR CLAIM WILL BE PAID

Springfield Courthouse Was Used As
a Hospital for Federal
Soldiers.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 21.—Word was just received here to the effect that the United States court of claims at Washington has allowed to Greene county \$6,019 rental for the use of the present courthouse and jail as a hospital for federal prisoners in the opening years of the civil war. The county in February, 1907, filed a claim for \$10,000, after an investigation of old records had been made under the direction of Washington and Springfield attorneys. The necessary papers are being drawn here now, and payment of the claim will be made early in January. Federal soldiers and Confederate prisoners were brought to Springfield after the battle of Wilson Creek in August, 1861, and housed in the courthouse several months.

Killed His Brother.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 21.—Henry Baumhoefer shot and killed his brother, Fred Baumhoefer, at the former's farm near Wilton, on the Missouri river, 15 miles from Columbia. The brothers had quarreled over farm matters. Both had been drinking.

Ottawa Woman Gets Fortune.

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 21.—After believing her brother dead because of a silence of 40 years, Mrs. Rebecca Powers, has just learned that by his death, recently in Chicago, George Bonnett, the miser newsboy, had left an estate valued at \$35,000 to her and a half brother.

Socialists to Oklahoma City.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Oklahoma City was chosen for the national Socialist party convention in the referendum vote, the count of which has just been announced. The convention will begin May 12, 1912. Indianapolis was the second choice and Cincinnati third.

Big Help for Wheat.

Topeka, Dec. 21.—All the wheat-bearing districts of Kansas are now buried under a heavy blanket of snow. Bumper yields always follow conditions now prevailing.

THIS LADY'S GOOD APPETITE

Mrs. Hansen, in a Letter From
Mobile, Tells How She Gained It.

Mobile, Ala.—"I suffered for seven years, with womanly trouble," writes Mrs. Sigurd Hansen in a letter from this city. "I felt weak and always had a headache and was always going to the doctor. At last I was operated on, and felt better, but soon I had the same trouble."

My husband asked me to try Cardul. I felt better after the first bottle, and now, I have a good appetite and sleep well. I feel fine, and the doctor tells me I am looking better than he ever saw me."

If you are sick and miserable, and suffer from any of the pains due to womanly trouble—try Cardul.

Cardul is successful because it is composed of ingredients that have been found to act curatively on the womanly constitution.

For more than fifty years, it has been used by women of all ages, with great success. Try it. Your druggist sells it.

N. B.—Write for Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment of Women," sent in plain wrapper, on request.

Poultry Cards

One inch cards in this column for \$1.50 per month. No card taken for less than one month at this rate.

**FINE BARRED
PLYMOUTH ROCK
COCKERELS FOR SALE.**

\$1.00 each if taken soon.
Mrs. E. Shupe, R. F. D. 2, Maryville, Mo.

BLACK LANGSHAN

The kind for eggs and weight.
Best for farm or city. \$1 each,
if taken before Christmas.
For sale by MRS. JOHN HEATON,
Quitman, Mo. R. F. D. 1.

**FOR SALE
BARRED ROCK COCKERELS**

100 to select from. A good one
for \$1. A few choice ones \$1.50
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R. F. D. No. 3 Phone 13-22

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Men like things they
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good taste—and that
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NECKWEAR
SUSPENDERS
MUFFLERS, ETC.**

These are merely a few sug-
gestions. You'll find many more
—but we suggest an early call
while stocks are large.

M. Nusbaum

GIFTS—Parisian ivory. Great line.
See them at **CRANE'S.**

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A Storm-Bound Christmas

By Dorothy Douglas

AD Wallingford been anything but a wealthy bachelor and accustomed to having everything he wanted, the circumstances would have seemed less of a calamity.

He had been on his way to San Francisco to spend Christmas with his favorite married sister; and midway, in the most barren desert of the country, a bridge had been swept away by winter gales. His destination could not possibly be reached until Christmas was well over.

Wallingford cast a glance out over the wide stretch of rolling plains with only a few scattered shacks to break their endless waste; and then he looked back to his bulging suitcase. The latest and most wonderful toys he could find in the city shops were crowded into that bag, for his sister's only boy. Then, not caring whether or not a highwayman might be looking in at the window of the parlor car, he took a small box from his waistcoat pocket and looked sorrowfully at a ring from which three exquisite diamonds flashed back at him.

Wallingford leaned back in his chair and in imagination pictured his sister's joy when slipping that ring on her finger. He could hear her scold him for his extravagance and chaff him for having no one else for whom to buy such baubles. He sighed and returned it to his pocket much as he might have cast it to the depths of the sea; it would do him as much good there as it would in his pocket under the present circumstances.

Wallingford was reconciled to a Christmas dinner over a lunch counter when his eye caught the name of Yankville. Yankville probably boasted a near-thousand inhabitants, yet Yankville also suggested the name of Every—Jack Every. When Wallingford had last heard of Jack Every the latter was located in Yankville. That was some eighteen months before, but there was no reason why he should not be there still.

It seemed that everyone in Yankville knew the Every homestead. It was the only one of any proportions in the village.

The red glow from an open fire within cheered Wallingford's numbed faculties as he rang the bell at the Every door.

On the face of her who opened the door, surprise was the principal expression. For, Wallingford, his six-foot-two encased in a great fur coat all dangling with glistening snow beads and his handsome glowing face looking frankly into her own, was a surprise for any eyes.

She did not wait for him to explain his errand but with the matron's privilege of hospitality invited him into the warmth of the house.

"It was too cold to stand outside," she explained and waited for his question.

"I am Bob Wallingford," he began meeting the easy cordial expression of her blue eyes. "I am one of the belated passengers of the bridge tie-up and decided to run over and see if Jack Every would take pity on an old friend and—"

"Jack Every left Yankville," a smile played about her lips at mention of the illustrious village. "some six or seven months ago—"

Embarrassment, disappointment and surprise mingled equally in Wallingford's face and did not escape the eyes of Sylvia Vale. She spoke with ready tact.

"Take off that great coat, anyway, and come into the fireside. It's no night to be out."

Wallingford followed the slim gray-clad figure in a decidedly chaotic state of mind. Mingled with his embarrassment at having walked into an absolute stranger's house, was the sudden attraction he felt for this girl with the sun-lit hair. Something—the combination perhaps—was making him feel like a tongue-tied schoolboy. It was a most unusual state of mind for Bob Wallingford.

There was a patter of little feet and a tiny boy of three years threw himself into Wallingford's arms.

"Oh-h! Are you Santa Claus?" he cried gleefully. "I heard your sleigh bells and saw your big fuzzy coat! Mamma, isn't he Santa Claus?"

The child's mother would have spoken but Wallingford's eyes pleaded for silence.

"You young rascal! You caught old Santa this time, didn't you? And he came especially to find out what you wanted him to bring down the chimney—"

"Wallingford! How in the name of all that's possible did you get here?" Dick Elkins, an old chum of New York days, stood in the doorway and held out a glad hand of welcome.

A weight of relief fell from Wallingford's shoulders. He was no longer a stranger in a strange house. And did

he imagine it, or did a glad light come also into the eyes of the woman?

"How about yourself?" he asked when they had shaken hands.

"This is my own house and my own sister," laughed Elkins. "But where in the world did you and Mrs. Vale strike up an acquaintance?" He cast an interrogative glance at his sister. "Sis, you never told me—"

Sylvia glanced quickly at Wallingford and a deep blush mingled with the glow from the fire in her cheeks. She explained the circumstances and Wallingford was quickly made to feel that he had come to the right house.

"I will stay under one condition only," he said finally, "and that is that you all will accept, without protest, the Christmas gifts which I brought for my sister and her family—without question."

There was a moment's silence and the promise was made, laughingly.

"But we will have to return the favor," brother and sister spoke as one voice.

So it was decided.

"Too bad Vale couldn't get here," remarked Elkins, later in the evening when, the small boy having been tucked into bed, the three sat about the blazing fire.

"Yes—we would have made a jolly quartet," said Sylvia.

Wallingford was almost guilty of a gasp. The calm, unconcerned way in which she remarked that her husband would have completed a quartet on Christmas eve had been able to get there, was rather disconcerting.

Dick Elkins arose and left the room to get the boy's toys.

"Bring down the suitcase in my room," cried Wallingford. He was as excited as a boy.

"You will not regret having promised to accept what I had bought for my sister?" Wallingford leaned slightly toward Sylvia's gray dress and through the strands of her golden hair, and the man in him had a struggle before quenching the light in his own eyes. It was the girl herself who was unable to hide a tremor.

"I promise," she said unsteadily. "But it seems—odd—"

Dick returned, staggering under a load of toys. Then they all jumped gladly into the spirit of Christmas.

"When my husband was living," said Sylvia as she pinned up a tiny



Invited Him Into the Warmth of the House.

stocking, "he always spoke of the day when he could do this—" The end of her sentence was drowned in the clatter of a huge box of blocks dropping to the hearthstone.

"Cheer up," said Wallingford; "wooden blocks don't break."

He stooped to pick the fallen toys and wondered if the woman pinning up the stocking beside him heard the thumping of his heart. A small box found its way into Sylvia's hand.

"Mrs. Vale, I can't keep this another minute," Wallingford said.

"Oh, I say!" exclaimed Dick when the flashing diamond ring was unwrapped. "You shouldn't expect to make sis take—"

"You promised." The eyes of the two men met and Elkins knew then and there what Wallingford's lips would speak.

With two of the opposite sex against her Sylvia had little chance to demur and with a tingling sensation in every nerve she slipped the ring on her right hand.

It was late the next night when the child had again been tucked in bed to dream of a wonderful day in the kingdom of toys with three grown up people to play with him, that the three again sat about the open fire.

"I never spent a happier Christmas," said Wallingford with a glad ring in his voice.

"Nor I," put in Dick. "Vale missed a good time all right," he added sleepily. "Sis and her brother-in-law are quite smitten." And unaware of the havoc he had created in Wallingford's heart he took his departure for bed, leaving the two in silence.

But the silence was a complete one—one in which spoken words and thoughts were unnecessary. After a moment Wallingford leaned forward and compelled Sylvia's eyes and while he did so he took her right hand and removed the ring and put it firmly on the third finger of her left hand.

"Next Christmas," he said tenderly, "we will spend at our own fireside. It is all very sudden and very wonderful, Sylvia, but I always do important things suddenly and—love is always wonderful."

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QUARREL OVER DYNAMITE PROBE

Indianapolis Prosecutor and Detective Almost Come to Blows.

GRABBED CLUB FROM POLICEMAN

County Prosecutor Baker Attacks Employee of Erectors' Association and Forcibly Drags Him to Court, Asking Protection.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—Asserting that Robert J. Foster, a detective engaged by the National Erectors' association, was interfering with him, County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker forcibly took Foster before Judge Joseph Markey of the criminal court and asked for protection.

Judge Markey, who was conducting a murder trial, reprimanded the prosecutor for interrupting but Mr. Baker persisted and snatching a club from a policeman threatened Foster. Court officials drew Baker away and Judge Markey ordered him to appear in court to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. The judge took no cognizance of the charge against Foster.

Immediately after the incident Mr. Baker was subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury to testify in the government's inquiry in the dynamiting case.

The encounter between Baker and Foster was the result of friction between the prosecutor and Foster's superior, Walter Drew, counsel for the erectors' association. Drew had said Baker had been negligent in pressing the investigation locally and Baker resisted successfully in the county court the efforts of Drew and the county prosecutor of Los Angeles, Cal., to remove to Los Angeles books and papers of the Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, now in the hands of the federal authorities.

Saying he wished to know if Drew had any new information about the dynamiting case, the prosecutor summoned him to appear before the county grand jury. Drew and Foster went to the court house together. In a corridor Baker came upon Foster, accused him of "shadowing" him, and pulled him into the criminal court room.

"This man is interfering with me, and I want protection," said the prosecutor, angrily. "There is a trial in progress here," returned Judge Markey. "You are not bringing this man before me regularly. This is contempt of court."

"I will show who is in contempt," shouted the prosecutor, and jerked the club from the policeman.

After the judge ordered Baker to appear and show why he should not be held for contempt, Foster left the building and Baker went to the county grand jury room to examine Drew.

Taft at Automobile Club Dinner.

New York, Dec. 21.—President Taft was the guest of honor last night at the banquet of the Automobile Club of America, at the Waldorf-Astoria. More than 1,500 guests were present, among whom were Vice-President Sherman, the secretaries of war, state, navy, treasury, agriculture, commerce and labor and interior together with the attorney general and solicitor general.

Sleet in Northwest Missouri.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21.—Northwest Missouri is experiencing the worst sleet storm for several years. Live stock is suffering greatly and telephone wires are down at many points.

THREAD DOES SLEUTH WORK

Milwaukee Merchant Devises a Clever Scheme to Get Rid of a Troublesome Shoplifter.

The manager of a local department store took an efficacious method of ridding himself of a troublesome petty shoplifter recently. The woman has been coming into the store and picking up a small remnant, spool of thread, thimble or other article that happened to be lying about, having little intrinsic value, but being nevertheless a source of annoyance to both the clerk and the management. Because of the position of the woman, it was undesirable to institute an action.

A few days ago the manager took a spool of silk from the case, fastened the loose end of the thread with a tack, and allowing a bit of slack, left it upon the counter. It was not long before his party arrived, and deftly dropping the spool into her shopping bag, started out. The manager detached the loose end and followed her up the street, a few yards in the rear. He trailed her into another downtown store, and, as she was standing beside a counter in the midst of a crowded array of bargain seekers, approached her, calmly winding his thread and politely said:

"Madame, I'll trouble you for that spool of thread."

What followed can be more easily imagined than described. He got the thread and has not been troubled with losses since, nor have the other stores, so far as may be learned.—Milwaukee Free Press.

ATTEMPTED SELF PUNISHMENT

REV. RICHESON INFLICTED BAD WOUND IN GROIN.

Made Operation Necessary on Minister Held for Murder of Avis Linnell—Will Recover.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is confined in the Charles Street Jail, awaiting trial on the charge of murdering Miss Avis Linnell, cut himself with a piece of tin. The wound was inflicted in the groin. His condition is not dangerous.

It is apparent from the nature of the injuries inflicted upon himself that it was not the accused preacher's intention to kill himself. His action is regarded by the jail officials as one of expiation for his sins. Richeson probably was temporarily insane when he mutilated himself.

The attendants at the jail heard a disturbance in Richeson's cell early in the morning and when they investigated they found the prisoner in great agony. He had gashed himself with a sharp, jagged piece of tin which he had converted into a sort of knife. When the guards approached the prisoner and inquired what the trouble was, Richeson said excitedly:

"I've cut myself—I'm bleeding to death!"

The prison doctor was hurriedly called and when he inspected Richeson he found that the man had cut himself severely near the groin. Other surgeons were sent for and their hasty arrival caused considerable excitement among the prisoners.

Four surgeons worked over Richeson for some time, and it was found necessary to resort to a drastic operation. Richeson was put under the influence of an anesthetic and the operation, which was performed shortly before daylight, was said to be a successful one.

District Attorney Pelletier, in an official statement, said the trial of Richeson for murder would begin on January 15, the date originally set.

WET CHRISTMAS FOR DRY PEOPLE

"Four Quarts, Bottled in Bond," etc., Makes Express Companies Hustle.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—A total of 8,500 packages of liquid "Christmas cheer" was sent out by the local express companies in one night as follows: The Wells-Fargo Express company, 2,500; the United States Express company, 2,500; the Adams Express company, 1,500; and the American Express company, 2,000.

"It is evident that 'four quarts bottled in bond, with gilded glass and corkscrew attached,' is to be a very popular Christmas present this season," said the agent at one of the depot express offices. "This is an average run for ten days before Christmas. Most of this goes to states that are 'dry.'"

The shipments of whisky average a gallon to the package.

BALLOT BOXES CAN BE OPENED

Supreme Court of Missouri Reverses Former Decision in Contest Case.

Jefferson City, Dec. 21.—The secrecy of the ballot cannot be pleaded when an allegation of fraud in the election is made, according to a decision of the supreme court on banc. The court held that R. E. Culver, the special commissioner appointed to hear the contests over the election of Judge Brown and Judge Kennish of the supreme court, and W. P. Evans, state superintendent of schools, has full authority under the constitution and the law to do anything that is necessary to ferret out fraud. This is a direct reversal by the court of decisions in former election contests.

The Quickest Way to Rest.

Do you know how to rest? A very busy man I know takes 20 minutes every day to lie flat on his back on the floor to rest and relax. That is very good, but I have found an even better way, which is to lie flat on the floor with legs up to the knees resting on a chair. This changes the entire circulation, and is the quickest way to rest. Try it. When you lie down to rest at night, and the mind insists upon working, try to relax thoroughly. Turn the thought to the weight of your body; think your hands heavy; keep the thought on the weight of your hands until the nerves tingle as if the hands were going to sleep. If you can feel that tingling sensation you have shown the power of relaxation of the hands. Think different members of the body heavy, until you can let go every nerve as if the entire body were so much jelly ready to melt on the bed. This requires practice, but it pays richly. To rest the eyes and make them bright, while lying down have them bandaged with a soft black silk handkerchief. This was advice received from an eminent eye specialist.—Harper's Bazar.

Beauty Unadorned.

"A pretty girl can wear almost anything."

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3.50 Dessert Spoons for	3.25
1.25 Salad Spoons for90
2.50 Soup Ladles for	2.00
1.00 Cream Ladles for90
2.75 Salad Forks for	1.50
1.25 Cold Meat Forks for	1.00
2.50 Fish Forks for	1.75
1.00 Pickle Forks for90
2.75 Oyster Forks for	1.75
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TAFT STRONG FOR CURRENCY REFORM

President Sends Special Message to Congress on Nation's Finances.

CUT IN EXPENSES IS SHOWN

Postoffice Department Shows Surplus for First Time in 27 Years—Hopes Monetary Reform Will Not Be Made Party Issue—Urges Parcel Post.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A special message of the president on the financial condition of the treasury, needed banking and currency reform and departmental questions was read to congress today. The message follows:

The financial condition of the government, as shown at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1911, was very satisfactory. The ordinary receipts into the general fund, excluding postal revenues, amounted to \$701,872,374.99, and the disbursements from the general fund for current expenses and capital outlays, excluding postal and Panama Canal disbursements, including the interest on the public debt, amounted to \$654,377,907.89, leaving a surplus of \$47,496,467.10.

The postal revenue receipts amounted to \$237,879,822.60, while the payments made for the postal service from the postal revenues amounted to \$237,660,705.48, which left a surplus of postal receipts over disbursements of \$219,118.12, the first time in 27 years in which a surplus occurred.

The interest-bearing debt of the United States June 30, 1911, amounted to \$915,353,190. The debt on which interest had ceased amounted to \$1,879,830.26, and the debt bearing no interest, including greenbacks, national bank notes to be redeemed, and fractional currency, amounted to \$336,751,917.43, or a total of interest and non-interest bearing debt amounting to \$1,803,984,937.69.

Shows Cut in Expenses.

The actual disbursements, exclusive of those for the Panama Canal and for the postal service for the year ending June 30, 1911, were \$654,137,997.89. The actual disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1910, exclusive of the Panama Canal and the postal service disbursements, were \$669,705,391.08, making a decrease of \$5,567,393.19 in yearly expenditures in the year 1911 under that of 1910. For the year ending June 30, 1912, the estimated receipts, exclusive of the postal revenues, are \$666,000,000, while the total estimates, exclusive of those for the Panama Canal and the postal expenditures payable from the postal revenues, amounted to \$645,842,793.34. This is a decrease in the 1912 estimates of \$1,534,367.22.

For the year ending June 30, 1913, the estimated receipts, exclusive of the postal revenues, are \$667,000,000, while the total estimated appropriations, exclusive of the Panama Canal and postal disbursements payable from postal revenues, will amount to \$637,920,893.35. This is a decrease in the 1913 estimates from that of the 1912 estimates of \$7,921,935.99.

As to the postal revenues, the expansion of the business in that department, the normal increase in the post office and the extension of the service, will increase the outlay to the sum of \$260,938,463; but as the department was self-sustaining this year the postmaster general is assured that next year the receipts will at least equal the expenditures, and probably exceed them by more than the surplus of this year. It is fair and equitable, therefore, in determining the economy with which the government has been run, to exclude the post office department, which relies for its support upon its receipts. In calculations heretofore made for comparison of economy in each year, it has been the proper custom only to include in the statement the deficit in the post office department which was paid out of the treasury.

A calculation of the actual increase in the expenses of government arising from the increase in the population and the general expansion of governmental functions, except those of the post office, for a number of years shows a normal increase of about 4 per cent. a year. By directing the exercise of great care to keep down the expenses and the estimates we have succeeded in reducing the total disbursements each year.

The Credit of the United States.

The credit of this government was shown to be better than that of any other government by the sale of the Panama Canal 3 per cent. bonds. These bonds did not give their owners the privilege of using them as a basis for banknote circulation, nor was there any other privilege extended to them which would affect their general market value. Their sale, therefore, measured the credit of the government. The premium which was realized upon the bonds made the actual interest rate of the transaction 2.909 per cent.

Efficiency and Economy in the Treasury Department.

In the treasury department the efficiency and economy work has been kept steadily up. Provision is made for the elimination of 184 positions during the coming year. Two hundred

and sixty-seven statutory positions were eliminated during the last year in the office of the treasury in Washington, and 141 positions in the year 1910, making an elimination of 545 statutory positions since March 4, 1909; and this has been done without the discharge of anybody, because the normal resignations and deaths have been equal to the elimination of the places, a system of transfers having taken care of the persons whose positions were dropped out. In the field service of the department, too, 1,259 positions have been eliminated down to the present time, making a total net reduction of all treasury positions to the number of 1,801. Meantime the efficiency of the work of the department has increased.

Monetary Reform.

A matter of first importance that will come before congress for action at this session is monetary reform. The congress has itself arranged an early introduction of this great question through the report of its monetary commission. This commission was appointed to recommend a solution of the banking and currency problems so long confronting the nation and to furnish the facts and data necessary to enable the congress to take action. The commission was appointed when an impressive and urgent popular demand for legislative relief suddenly arose out of the distressing situation of the people caused by the deplorable panic of 1907. The congress decided that while it could not give immediately the relief required, it would provide a commission to furnish the means for prompt action at a later date.

In order to do its work with thoroughness and precision this commission has taken some time to make its report. The country is undoubtedly hoping for as prompt action on the report as the convenience of the congress can permit. The recognition of the gross imperfections and marked inadequacy of our banking and currency system even in our most quiet financial periods is of long standing; and later there has matured a recognition of the fact that our system is responsible for the extraordinary devastation, waste and business paralysis of our recurring periods of panic. Though the members of the monetary commission have for a considerable time been working in the open, and while large numbers of the people have been openly working with them, and while the press has largely noted and discussed this work as it has proceeded, so that the report of the commission promises to represent a national movement, the details of the report are still being considered. I can not, therefore, do much more at this time than commend the immense importance of monetary reform, urge prompt consideration and action when the commission's report is received, and express my satisfaction that the plan to be proposed promises to embrace main features that, having met the approval of a great preponderance of the practical and professional opinion of the country, are likely to meet equal approval in congress.

It is exceedingly fortunate that the wise and undisputed policy of maintaining unchanged the main features of our banking system renders it at once impossible to introduce a central bank; for a central bank would certainly have been resisted, and a plan into which it could have been introduced would probably have been defeated. But as a central bank could not be a part of the only plan discussed or considered, that troublesome question is eliminated. And ingenious and novel as the proposed National Reserve association appears, it simply is a logical outgrowth of what is best in our present system, and is, in fact, the fulfillment of that system.

Question Still Open.

Exactly how the management of that association should be organized is a question still open. It seems to be desirable that the banks which would own the association should in the main manage it. It will be an agency of the banks to act for them, and they can be trusted better than anybody else chiefly to conduct it. It is mainly bankers' work. But there must be some form of government supervision and ultimate control, and I favor a reasonable representation of the government in the management. I entertain no fear of the introduction of politics or of any undesirable influences from a properly measured government representation.

I trust that all banks of the country possessing the requisite standards will be placed upon a footing of perfect equality of opportunity. Both the national system and the state system should be fairly recognized, leaving them eventually to coalesce if that should prove to be their tendency. But should evolution cannot develop impartially if the banks of one system are given or permitted any advantages of opportunity over those of the other system. And I trust also that the new legislation will carefully and completely protect and assure the individuality and the independence of each bank, to the end that any tendency there may ever be toward a consolidation of the money or banking power of the nation shall be defeated.

It will always be possible, of course, to correct any features of the new law which may in practice prove to be unwise; so that while this law is sure to be enacted under conditions of unusual knowledge and authority, it also will include, it is well to remember, the possibility of future amendment.

With the present prospects of this long-awaited reform encouraging us, it would be singularly unfortunate if this monetary question should by any chance become a party issue. And I sincerely hope it will not. The exceeding amount of consideration it has received from the people of the nation has been wholly nonpartisan; and the

congress set its nonpartisan seal upon it when the monetary commission was appointed. In commending the question to the favorable consideration of congress, I speak for, and in the spirit of, the great number of my fellow citizens, who without any thought of party or partisanship feel with remarkable earnestness that this reform is necessary to the interests of all the people.

The War Department.

There is now before congress a bill, the purpose of which is to increase the efficiency and decrease the expense of the army. It contains four principal features: First, a consolidation of the general staff with the adjutant general's and the inspector general's departments; second, a consolidation of the quartermaster's department with the subsistence and pay departments; third, the creation of an army service corps; and fourth, an extension of the enlistment period from three to five years.

With the establishment of an army service corps, as proposed in the bill, I am thoroughly in accord and am convinced that the establishment of such a corps will result in a material economy and a very great increase of efficiency in the army. It has repeatedly been recommended by me and my predecessors. I also believe that a consolidation of the staff corps can be made with a resulting increase in efficiency and economy, but not along the lines provided in the bill under consideration.

In make the consolidations no reduction should be made in the total number of officers of the army, of whom there are now too few to perform the duties imposed by law. I have in the past recommended an increase in the number of officers by 600 in order to provide sufficient officers to perform all classes of staff duty and to reduce the number of line officers detached from their commands. Congress at the last session increased the total number of officers by 200, but this is not enough. Promotion in the line of the army is too slow. Officers do not attain command rank at an age early enough properly to exercise it. It would be a mistake further to retard this already slow promotion by throwing back into the line of the army a number of high-ranking officers to be absorbed as is provided in the proposed plan of consolidation.

Another feature of the bill which I believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. I believe it would be better to enlist men for six years, release them at the end of three years from active service, and put them in reserve for the remaining three years. Re-enlistments should be largely confined to the noncommissioned officers and other enlisted men in the skilled grades. This plan, by the payment of a comparatively small compensation during the three years of reserve, would keep a large body of men at the call of the government, trained and ready for service, and able to meet any exigency.

The army of the United States is in good condition. It showed itself able to meet an emergency in the successful mobilization of an army division of from 15,000 to 20,000 men, which took place along the border of Mexico during the recent disturbances in that country. The marvelous freedom from the ordinary camp diseases of typhoid fever and measles is referred to in the report of the secretary of war, and shows such an effectiveness in the sanitary regulations and treatment of the medical corps, and in the discipline of the army itself, as to invoke the highest commendation.

The Panama Canal.

The very satisfactory progress made on the Panama canal last year has continued, and there is every reason to believe that the canal will be completed as early as the 1st of July, 1913, unless something unforeseen occurs. This is about 18 months before the time promised by the engineers.

We are now near enough the completion of the canal to make it imperative necessary that legislation should be enacted to fix the method by which the canal shall be maintained and controlled and the zone governed. The fact is that today there is no statutory law by authority of which the president is maintaining the government of the zone. Such authority was given in an amendment to the Spooner act, which expired by the terms of its own limitation some years ago. Since that the time government has continued under the advice of the attorney general that in the absence of action by congress, there is necessarily an implied authority on the part of the executive to maintain a government in a territory in which he has to see that the laws are executed. The fact that we have been able thus to get along during the important days of construction without legislation expressly formulating the government of the zone, or delegating the creation of it to the president, is not a reason for supposing that we may continue the same kind of a government after the construction is finished. The implied authority of the president to maintain a civil government in the zone may be derived from the mandatory direction given him in the original Spooner act, by which he was commanded to build the canal; but certainly, now that the canal is about to be completed and to be put under a permanent management, there ought to be specific statutory authority for its regulation and control and for the government of the zone, which we hold for the chief and main purpose of operating the canal.

I fully concur with the secretary of war that the problem is simply the management of a great public work, and not the government of a local republic; that every provision must be

directed toward the successful maintenance of the canal as an avenue of commerce, and that all provisions for the government of those who live within the zone should be subordinate to the main purpose.

Tolls.

I renew my recommendation with respect to the tolls of the canal that within limits, which shall seem wise to congress, the power of fixing tolls be given to the president. In order to arrive at a proper conclusion, there must be some experimenting, and this cannot be done if congress does not delegate the power to one who can act expeditiously.

I am very confident that the United States has the power to relieve from the payment of tolls any part of our shipping that congress deems wise. We own the canal. It was our money that built it. We have the right to charge tolls for its use. Those tolls must be the same to everyone; but when we are dealing with our own ships, the practice of many governments of subsidizing their own merchant vessels is so well established in general that a subsidy equal to the tolls, an equivalent remission of tolls, cannot be held to be a discrimination in the use of the canal. The practice in the Suez canal makes this clear.

The Philippine Islands.

In respect to the Philippines, I urgently join in the recommendation of the secretary of war that the act of February 6, 1905, limiting the indebtedness that may be incurred by the Philippine government for the construction of public works, be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The finances of that government are in excellent condition. The maximum sum mentioned is quite low as compared with the amount of indebtedness of other governments with similar resources, and the success which has attended the expenditure of the \$5,000,000 in the useful improvements of the harbors and other places in the islands justifies and requires additional expenditures for like purposes.

Naturalization.

I also join in the recommendation that the legislature of the Philippine Islands be authorized to provide for the naturalization of Filipinos and others who by the present law are treated as aliens, so as to enable them to become citizens of the Philippine Islands.

Rivers and Harbors.

The estimates for the river and harbor improvements reach \$32,000,000 for the coming year. I wish to urge that whenever a project has been adopted by congress as one to be completed, the more money which can be economically expended in its construction in each year, the greater the ultimate economy. This has especial application to the improvement of the Mississippi river and its large branches. It seems to me that an increase in the amount of money now being annually expended in the improvement of the Ohio river which has been formally adopted by congress would be in the interest of the public. A similar change ought to be made during the present congress, in the amount to be appropriated for the Missouri river.

Waterway From Lakes to the Gulf.

The project for a navigable waterway from Lake Michigan to the mouth of the Illinois river, and thence via the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, is one of national importance. In view of the work already accomplished by the sanitary district of Chicago, an agency of the state of Illinois, which has constructed the most difficult and costly stretch of this waterway and made it an asset of the nation, and in view of the fact that the people of Illinois have authorized the expenditure of \$20,000,000 to carry this waterway 62 miles farther to Utica, I feel that it is fitting that this work should be supplemented by the government, and that the expenditures recommended by the special board of engineers on the waterway from Utica to the mouth of the Illinois river be made upon lines which while providing a waterway for the nation, should otherwise benefit that state to the fullest extent.

The Department of Justice.

The report of the attorney-general shows that he has subjected to close examination the accounts of the clerks of the Federal courts; that he has found a good many which disclose irregularities or dishonesty; but that he has had considerable difficulty in securing an effective prosecution or removal of the clerks thus derelict. I am certainly not unduly prejudiced against the Federal courts, but the fact is that the long and confidential relations which grow out of the tenure for life on the part of judge and the practical tenure for life on the part of the clerk are not calculated to secure the strictness of dealing by the judge with the clerk in respect to his fees and accounts which assures in the clerk's conduct a freedom from overcharge and carelessness. The relationship between the judge and the clerk makes it ungracious for members of the bar to complain of the clerk or for department examiners to make charges against him to be heard by the court, and an order of removal of a clerk and a judgment for the recovery of fees are in some cases reluctantly entered by the judge. For this reason I recommend an amendment to the law whereby the president shall be given power to remove the clerks for cause. This provision need not interfere with the right of the judge to appoint his clerk or to remove him.

Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation Commission.

The limitation of the liability of the master to his servant for personal injuries to such as are occasioned by his fault has been abandoned in most civilized countries and provision made

whereby the employee injured in the course of his employment is compensated for his loss of working ability irrespective of negligence. The principle upon which such provision proceeds is that accidental injuries to workmen in modern industry, with its vast complexity and inherent dangers arising from complicated machinery and the use of the great forces of steam and electricity, should be regarded as risks of the industry and the loss borne in some equitable proportion by those who for their own profit engage therein. In recognition of this the last congress authorized the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of employers' liability and workmen's compensation and to report the result of their investigations, through the president, to congress. This commission was appointed and has been at work, holding hearings, gathering data, and considering the subject, and it is expected will be able to report by the first of the year, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Measures to Prevent Delay and Unnecessary Cost of Litigation.

In promotion of the movement for the prevention of delay and unnecessary cost, in litigation, I am glad to say that the Supreme court has taken steps to reform the present equity rules of the Federal courts, and that we may in the near future expect a revision of them which will be a long step in the right direction.

Postoffice.

At the beginning of the present administration in 1909 the postal service was in arrears to the extent of \$17,479,770.47. It was very much the largest deficit on record. In the brief space of two years this has been turned into a surplus of \$220,000, which has been accomplished without curtailment of the postal facilities, as may be seen by the fact that there have been established 3,744 new postoffices; delivery by carrier has been added to the service in 186 cities; 2,516 new rural routes have been established, covering 60,000 miles; the force of postal employees has been increased in these two years by more than 8,000, and their average annual salary has had a substantial increase.

Postal Savings System.

On January 3, 1911, postal savings depositories were established experimentally in 48 states and territories. After three months' successful operation the system was extended as rapidly as feasible to the 7,500 postoffices of the first, second, and third classes constituting the presidential grade. By the end of the year practically all of these will have been designated and then the system will be extended to all fourth-class postoffices doing a money-order business.

The deposits have kept pace with the extension of the system. Amounting to only \$60,652 at the end of the first month's operation in the experimental offices, they increased to \$679,310 by July, and now after 11 months of operation have reached a total of \$11,000,000. This sum is distributed among 2,710 banks and protected under the law by bonds deposited with the treasurer of the United States.

Parcel Post.

Steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of a rural parcel post. In the estimates of appropriations needed for the maintenance of the postal service for the ensuing fiscal year an item of \$150,000 has been inserted to cover the preliminary expense of establishing a parcel post on rural mail routes, as well as to cover an investigation having for its object the final establishment of a general parcel post on all railway and steamboat transportation routes. The department believes that after the initial expenses of establishing the system are defrayed and the parcel post is in full operation on the rural routes it will not only bring in sufficient revenue to meet its cost, but also a surplus that can be utilized in paying the expenses of a parcel post in the city delivery service.

It is hoped that congress will authorize the immediate establishment of a limited parcel post on such rural routes as may be selected.

The suggestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some who think that it will have the effect to destroy the business of the country store keeper. Instead of doing this, I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain.

The Navy Department.

On the 2d of November last I reviewed the fighting fleet of battleships and other vessels assembled in New York harbor, consisting of 24 battleships, 2 armored cruisers, 2 cruisers, 22 destroyers, 12 torpedo boats, 8 submarines, and other attendant vessels, making 98 vessels of all classes, of a tonnage of 576,634 tons. Those who saw the fleet were struck with its preparedness and with its high military efficiency. All Americans should be proud of its personnel.

The fleet was deficient in the number of torpedo destroyers, in cruisers, and in colliers, as well as in large battleship cruisers, which are now becoming a very important feature of foreign navies, notably the British, German and Japanese.

The building plan for this year contemplates two battleships and two colliers. This is because the other and smaller vessels can be built much more rapidly in case of emergency than the battleships, and we certainly ought to continue the policy of two battleships a year until after the Panama Canal is finished and until our first line and in our reserve line we can number 40 available vessels of proper armament and size.

The reorganization of the navy and

the appointment of four aids to the secretary have continued to demonstrate their usefulness. It would be difficult now to administer the affairs of the navy without the expert counsel and advice of these aids, and I renew the recommendation which I made last year, that the aids be recognized by statute.

It is certain that the navy, with its present size, should have admirals in active command higher than rear admirals.

Like the treasury department and the war department, the navy department has given much attention to economy in administration, and has cut down a number of unnecessary expenses and reduced its estimates except for construction and the increase that that involves.

I urge upon congress the necessity for an immediate increase of 2,000 men in the enlisted strength of the navy, provided for in the estimates. Four thousand more are now needed to man all the available vessels.

There are in the service today about 47,760 enlisted men of all ratings.

Careful computation shows that in April, 1912, 49,166 men will be required for vessels in commission, and 3,000 apprentice seamen should be kept under training at all times.

Abolition of Navy Yards.

The secretary of the navy has recommended the abolition of certain of the smaller and unnecessary navy yards, and in order to furnish a complete and comprehensive report has referred the question of all navy yards to the joint board of the army and navy. This board will shortly make its report and the secretary of the navy advises me that his recommendations on the subject will be presented early in the coming year. The measure of economy contained in a proper handling of this subject is so great and so important to the interests of the nation that I shall present it to congress as a separate subject apart from my annual message.

Council of National Defense.

I urge again upon congress the desirability of establishing the council of national defense. The bill to establish this council was before congress last winter, and it is hoped that this legislation will pass during the present session. The purpose of the council is to determine the general policy of national defense and to recommend to congress and to the president such measures relating to it as it shall deem necessary and expedient.

No such machinery is now provided by which the readiness of the army and navy may be improved and the programs of military and naval requirements shall be co-ordinated and properly scrutinized with a view to the necessities of the whole nation rather than of separate departments.

Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and Labor.

For the consideration of matters which are pending or have been disposed of in the agricultural department and in the department of commerce and labor, I refer to the very excellent reports of the secretaries of those departments. I shall not be able to submit to congress until after the Christmas holidays the question of conservation of our resources arising in Alaska and the west and the question of the rate for second-class mail matter in the post office department.

Civil Retirement and Contributory Pension System.

I have already advocated, in my last annual message, the adoption of a civil service retirement system, with a contributory feature to it so as to reduce to a minimum the cost to the government of the pensions to be paid. After considerable reflection, I am very much opposed to a pension system that involves no contribution from the employees. I think the experience of other governments justifies this view; but the crying necessity for some such contributory system, with possibly a preliminary governmental outlay, in order to cover the initial cost and to set the system going at once while the contributions are accumulating, is manifest on every side. Nothing will so much promote the economy and efficiency of the government as such a system. Elimination of All Local Offices From Politics.

I wish to renew again my recommendation that all the local offices throughout the country, including collectors of internal revenue, collectors of customs, postmasters of all four classes, immigration commissioners and marshals, should be by law covered into the classified service, the necessity for confirmation by the senate be removed, and the president and the others whose time is now taken up in distributing this patronage under the custom that has prevailed since the beginning of the government in accordance with the recommendation of the senators and congressmen of the majority party should be relieved from this burden. I am confident that such a change would greatly reduce the cost of administering the government, and that it would add greatly to its efficiency. It would take away the power to use the patronage of the government for political purposes. When officers are recommended by senators and congressmen from political motives and for political services rendered, it is impossible to expect that while in office the appointees will not regard their tenure as more or less dependent upon continued political service for their patrons, and no regulations, however stiff or rigid, will prevent this, because such regulations, in view of the method and motive for selection, are plainly inconsistent and deemed hardly worthy of respect.

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MARYVILLE'S CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD TO SECURE IT.

DEAN MUMFORD WRITES

Saying That if Maryville is Successful, Week of Feb. 12 to 16 Will Be the Week.

Dean F. B. Mumford of the college of agriculture of the state university at Columbia, in a letter to J. Fred Hull, secretary of the Commercial club committee on securing a branch short course in Maryville, says that these branch short courses under the direction of the state agricultural college will be located where the guaranteed number of students is largest, and that if Maryville is successful the week of February 12 to 16 will be the dates for the meeting at Maryville. Dean Mumford's letter to Mr. Hull follows:

"In regard to your recent communication about branch short course at Maryville, I think it will be safe to promise you that if a branch short course is assigned to Maryville, it will be possible to promise you the week of February 12 to 16, 1912. You are to be congratulated on the splendid enthusiasm and enterprise of the people in your territory. The competition for these branch courses is very keen. We shall locate them impartially, and at the present it seems that we shall be compelled to locate them where the guaranteed number of students is largest. We must also pay some attention to the districts. From your letter I judge that Maryville has a very good chance to secure the location of a branch short course."

A meeting of all persons interested in securing the short course in agriculture for Maryville will be held Saturday afternoon at the court house, and at this meeting plans for securing students will be discussed.

Two or more instructors from the state college, as the demand may require, will give their entire time for five days to lectures and demonstrations in such subjects as the local needs call for. The possible range of instruction will cover soils, farm crops, grain judging, breeding, feeding and judging live stock, stock farm management, dairy husbandry, fruit growing, vegetable gardening, and planting the home grounds, and from these our community can certainly get some of value.

A number of our farmers have attended the short courses in agriculture at times, but the great majority have not been able to get to these. Now is a chance to bring the instruction home to us, and the keep bringing it here. Now is your chance to get for 50 cents a day what would otherwise cost dollars per day. If we attend the course and get even one idea of value we have our money's worth many times over. And it is scarcely possible to meet our state men every day for five days and get nothing from it. It is certainly worth trying for; we cannot lose anything, and we may gain. Why can't Nodaway have the largest class in the state? We need

just such a chance to meet with the men from our college of agriculture to get their views and exchange them for ours, and get right at what they know, and get it in such a shape that it will benefit us.

TODAY THE SHORTEST DAY.

After This the Sun Will Stay Up Later Every Evening.

Today is the shortest day of 1911, the turn of the solar year. The sun has been slipping away from us at the rate of about two minutes a day since June 21, reducing its working day from nearly fifteen hours to nine and one-half hours. But the sun is quite human in the way he begins to extend his day; he does not do it by getting up any earlier but by going to bed later. In fact, he does not rise any earlier than he did this morning until January 21, but by that time he will be retiring about half an hour later. The sun rose at 7:15 o'clock Thursday and will lose one minute every three mornings until the end of the month and keep to a 7:19 schedule for the first two weeks of January. About one minute a day is gained in the setting hours.

SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED OFF.

Bond Issue Fight in Jefferson Township Had Become So Bitter Fr. Decided to Call It Off.

Rev. Fr. Placid of the Conception abbey issued letters the first of the week to the voters in Jefferson township, calling off the special election that was to be held Thursday, because of the bitter fight on the proposed bond issue for \$25,000 that was to be used for good roads and bridges in that township. Fr. Placid was the prime mover of the bond issue.

Fr. Placid said in his letter that "all of the road bonds and all of the money on earth are not worth this fight. Therefore let us stop."

On Visit to Parents.

Mrs. C. F. Parker and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McGinniss, living south of the city, went to Pickering Thursday noon for a short visit with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wray.

James C. Ferritor of Sparks, Nev., is expected to arrive in Clyde Saturday for a visit with his father there and also with relatives near there. Mr. Ferritor will also visit in Maryville looking after business matters here and to visit with his brother, E. L. Ferritor. Jim Ferritor is chief dispatcher for the Southern Pacific at Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell of Hopkins came to Maryville Wednesday morning to spend the day in Christmas shopping. They also visited their daughter, Miss Lela, a State Normal student, who makes her home with Mrs. Sarah Crosby while attending school.

Mrs. O. M. Snider of Webb City, Mo., who has been visiting at the home of her brother, W. J. Snider, living west of Maryville, left for her home Wednesday evening. Mrs. Snider came to Maryville from an extended visit in California.

Is Made Depository.

The St. Joseph postoffice has been made the depository for postal savings funds taken at a number of smaller offices in this vicinity, and will receive all money deposited at those offices, and place it in the banks here.

This means added importance to the office at St. Joseph, though no material benefits attend it. These offices will send their postal savings deposits here to be cared for: Maryville, Burlington Junction, Maitland, Maysville, Tarkio, Rockport, Mound City and Fairfax.—Gazette.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Allen of St. Joseph, who have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Allen's brother, Edward M. Walker, north of the city, went to Hopkins Thursday noon to visit their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Lowrey.

To Spend Christmas at Decatur.

Will F. Phares will leave Thursday night for Decatur, Ill., where he will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Phares.

Miss Bertha Seowden went to Gaynor Thursday to visit until after Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Ellen Fannon returned to her home in Barnard Wednesday evening after a two days visit in Maryville with Mrs. L. Woodworth.

Attorney Merrill Otis of St. Joseph was in the city Thursday.

ONLY 2 MORE DAYS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS ARE PUTTING IN TIME WELL THESE DAYS

A GOOD XMAS TRADE

Is Reported By All of the Maryville Stores—Many Attractive Show Windows.

The Christmas trade this year has been so steady, no head-whirling rush at any time, that our merchants believe they have had the best all-round Christmas trade in years. The people are buying deliberately, with more care than usual, and it would seem that in every home there is some preparation being made for a sensible observance of Christmas. Of course, there are some folks who never can do their shopping early, it seems, and Friday and Saturday may prove hard days to our merchants and their clerks.

It may be owing to the fine selection of Christmas goods that the people began buying early; anyway, there has not been a more suitable selection in every line of holiday goods to choose from. And their arrangement in display has had not a little to do with early Christmas shopping in Maryville. Our merchants have arranged some of the most attractive windows, while the interior of their stores have been the subject of much favorable comment by visitors to our city.

Maryville people who frequently visit St. Joseph and Kansas City say the show windows in Maryville for the past month would have looked perfectly well in either of those cities, and that in several instances were right up to the notch. Our merchants have placed the best markets afford for their Maryville patrons, and we are glad to know that they have been rewarded with a generous Christmas patronage.

ANOTHER MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

The President Sent One on the Nation's Finances and Cut in Expenses is Shown.

In today's issue of The Democrat-Forum, on page 8, will be found the which was sent to Congress today. The message deals with the financial condition of the treasury, needed banking and currency reform and departmental questions. The Democrat-Forum publishes the message at the same time as the city papers.

Leaves Tonight for Dakota.

William Lazenby of near Gaynor was in Maryville Thursday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Shroyer. Mr. Lazenby will leave tonight for South Dakota, in the Rosebud reservation, to visit his children.

Mrs. W. A. Harbison of Pickering returned home Thursday from a visit since Tuesday with Mrs. W. J. Wilson.

Mrs. Ethel James of Elmo was shopping in the city Thursday.

SHOT WHEN HUNTING

EARL BOOTH INJURED BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN.

SPORT ABRUPTLY ENDED

Knee Was Injured and He Will Be Laid Up for Some Weeks—Two Brothers Were With Him.

While out hunting on the farm of William Booth, seven miles northwest of Maryville, Thursday morning, a party of young men had their sport brought to an abrupt end by the accidental discharge of a gun that injured one of the party.

The injured young man, Earl Booth, who is 22 years of age, is a son of William Booth. His gun went off unexpectedly and he received the shot in one knee. Dr. K. C. Cummins of Maryville was called and dressed the wound, which is not serious, although the young man will be laid up for some little time.

The other members of the hunting party were his two brothers, Harvey and Tom Booth, and a neighbor, Arch Willhoite.

AT TAGS GOOD TILL FEBRUARY

New State Licenses Will Not Be Issued for Six Weeks.

Jefferson City—Secretary of State Roach wants the 17,000 owners of automobiles in Missouri to understand that the license plate they now have will be valid until the first day of February, 1912, and that under no circumstances can a 1912 license be used prior to that date.

Owners of vehicles, however, may send in their applications for 1912 license plates at any time prior to February 1, and they will be duly listed and shipments made so as to reach destination by February 1.

Met Sister From Ohio.

Judge and Mrs. J. H. Saylor of this city, accompanied by Judge Saylor's father, J. M. Saylor of Hopkins, spent Tuesday in Burlington Junction at the home of their brother and son, W. G. Saylor. They made the visit at this time to meet Mrs. George F. Dew and children of Wausau, O., who were spending the day in Burlington Junction at the Saylor home. Mrs. Dew and her family left Tuesday night for the Pacific coast to spend the winter. They were recently bereaved of their husband and father, the late Rev. George E. Dew. Mrs. Dew is a daughter of Mr. J. M. Saylor of Hopkins.

Here From Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Clark and son of Chillicothe arrived in Maryville Wednesday night to visit over Christmas with Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Clark of the Ream hotel. The visitors had intended making the trip to Maryville in their new automobile if the recent snow had not interfered. Mr. Clark is proprietor of the New Leeper hotel at Chillicothe, and is also part owner of the Luville hotel of Maryville.

FARMERS BUYING MEAT.

According to Hopkins Paper Many Farmers Have Lost Hogs.

According to the Hopkins Journal many farmers in that section are buying meat. The article in this week's Journal follows:

Bob Coleman, one of our largest and most successful farmers, told the Journal last Friday morning that he was in town to buy meat for dinner.

This sounded strange, coming from a man who generally has from one to two hundred head of hogs on his farm, with cellar full of barreled pork and spareribs and sausage at this time of year "until you can't rest."

The cholera struck Bob's herd of hogs some two months ago and he now has only five or six left and they are reported as "paney." But Mr. Coleman is not the "only one in the alley." Many other farmers in the vicinity of Hopkins have suffered great financial loss by the swine plague. In fact, we are told by shippers that hogs were never known to be as scarce in this territory as at the present time.

The disease has proven fatal among hogs of the entire corn belt, it being worse in some parts of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Nebraska than it has been here, and the indications now are that pork next year will reach the high water mark, so far as price is concerned. Beef, too, in sympathy with pork, will no doubt sell at fancy prices.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Was Printed in Wednesday's Paper, the Same Day It Was in the City Papers.

In Wednesday's Democrat-Forum was President Taft's message to congress, transmitting the report of the tariff board on schedule "K." The message was printed in this paper at the same time it was printed in the afternoon city papers. The president would revise schedule "K," and urges congress to adjust the wool tariff, that consumers may be helped and manufacturers not injured.

Hopkins Pastor Has Resigned.

Rev. Henry Baker, pastor of the Christian church at Hopkins, has resigned to take effect the first of the year, when he will leave for Enid, Okla., to accept a position tendered him in the University of Oklahoma. He will be teacher of homiletics, hermeneutics and Biblical exegesis.

Arrived From Texas.

Mrs. J. B. Russell of Esterline, Texas, to visit at the home of her brothers, L. R. and A. J. Holt. Mrs. Russell was summoned to Maryville on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Holt, who is very ill at the home of her son, A. J. Holt.

On Visit to Father.

Mrs. Raymond Sykes of Meeker, Colo., arrived in Maryville Wednesday noon for a Christmas visit with her father, Squire John W. Morris. This is their first visit together in ten years.

Shoppers From Arkoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coulter, Miss Mary Coulter, Mrs. Walter Yeisley, Miss Josephine Auld and Miss Ruby Clements of Arkoe were Christmas shoppers in Maryville Thursday.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued Thursday by Recorder Wray to David A. Anderson and Miss Minnie Olive Reeves, both of Elmo. They are to be married on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Chandler and their two little girls and Mrs. M. C. Gwinn and daughter, Miss Mary, of near Bedison, were in Maryville Thursday among the Christmas shoppers.

COURT IN SESSION

RIFLE CASE DECIDED FOR THE DEFENDANT, MRS. RIFLE.

OTHER CASES WERE UP

Judge Ellison on Bench Thursday, Hearing Motions—Mollie Lewis Case Dismissed.

The Rifle case to set aside a deed, after having been on trial two days, came to a close Wednesday night, when the court gave a decision for the defendant. The title of the case was Win. H. Rifle vs. Mary K. Rifle, and it is a case that has been on the court docket here for several years. The evidence was finished at Wednesday afternoon's session, and the arguments of the attorneys followed, which lasted until after 9 o'clock that evening. Judge J. W. Peery sat as special judge in the case.

A motion for a new trial was filed by the plaintiff, and the case was continued until January 25, when the motion will be taken up by Judge Peery. Also at this time the case of Elizabeth Grovney vs. Patrick J. O'Donnell et al., to set aside a deed, will come up before Judge Peery.

In the case of the state vs. Mollie Lewis, prosecuting Attorney Wright enters nolle pro.

Court was in session Thursday, with Judge W. C. Ellison on the bench. Motions for new trial in the cases of George Crossan vs. James Vert, and also in the damage suit of C. C. Dougherty vs. A. J. Holt were argued by the attorneys, but no decision was given by the court. The injunction suit of James Borchers vs. Joseph Brewer was argued before the court late Thursday afternoon by the attorneys.

Thursday was the last day of court, and an adjournment will be taken until January 25, when a special term is to be held.

To Become City Editor.

H. F. McDougal of Ottawa, Kan., arrived in Maryville Wednesday night and will commence work Monday as city editor of the Tribune. He will succeed O. R. Geyer, who intends to leave soon for Oklahoma. Mrs. McDougal will join her husband here in a week or so. Mr. McDougal has had several years of experience in newspaper work and we welcome him to the city.

Corn and Poultry Show Now On.

The second annual corn and poultry show commenced Thursday at Guilford and will continue the rest of the week. B. P. Smoot of Columbia is to judge the corn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Wilson of Burlington Junction were among the Christmas shoppers in Maryville Thursday.

The Weather

Generally fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight.

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Students in the Maryville Business College Before Xmas 200 Coming, Jan. 2

Yes, indeed; your photos will be ready for Christmas. All sitting, made before Friday will be finish on time.

Remarkable? Not when you consider the advancement of modern photography, our splendid equipment and our system of handling orders.

Just as good as usual? Of course otherwise they would not have a name on them.

All frame orders promptly and properly filled.

F. R. MARCELL, The Photographer

MARCELL'S Advertisement

Christmas Thoughts

Cluster Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Seeded Raisins, Clean Currants, Walnut Meats, Pecan Meats, Almond Meats, Pistach Meats. All kinds of nuts in shell. Mince Meat, Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake.

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Special Christmas Candies

A fine large assortment of Christmas Candies all kinds. Exceptional prices made teachers and Sunday Schools for quantities.

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106 South Main St.
Maryville, Mo.

DO YOU NEED GLASSES?

Eyes Tested Free

Glasses Accurately Fitted by expert Optician. Repairs Promptly Executed at CRANE'S.

DR. FINN



Treats eyes with glasses only. He can give you 5,000 references in Maryville and Nodaway county. Ask your neighbors about Finn's glasses that make weak eyes strong.

W. B. FINN.

WHY HAVE GRAY HAIR.

Sage and Sulphur Will Restore Gray and Faded Hair to Its Natural Color.

There is nothing new about the idea of using sage for restoring the color of the hair. Our great-grandmothers kept their locks soft, dark and glossy by using a "sage tea." Whenever their hair fell out or took on a dull, faded or streaked appearance they made a brew of sage leaves and applied it to their hair, with wonderfully beneficial effect.

Nowadays we don't have to resort to old-time, tiresome methods of gathering the herbs and making the tea. This is done by skillful chemists better than we could do it ourselves, and all we have to do is to call for the ready-made product, Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy, containing sage in the proper strength, with the addition of sulphur, another old-time scalp remedy.

The manufacturers of this remedy authorize druggists to sell it under guarantee that the money will be refunded if it fails to do exactly as represented.

Don't neglect your hair. Get a bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur today, and notice the difference after a few days' use.

This preparation is offered to the public at fifty cents a bottle, and is recommended and sold by all druggists. Special agents, Koch Pharmacy.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

City Greenhouses, corner Fifth and Main. Holly, holly, holly, cut flowers, blooming potted plants, primroses, cyclamen, etc. Something new in begonias. Lettuce, parsley, also some fine eating apples. Don't forget the place. One block north of public square, Fifth and Main streets. Hanamo and Bell phones.

Left for Oklahoma.

Mrs. A. J. Harris and daughter, Miss Grace, who have been in Maryville since early last summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coleman of East First street, left Wednesday evening for Waurika, Okla. Mr. Harris is a real estate dealer of Anna-darke and Waurika, and they will remain in Oklahoma until the hot weather next summer compels them to return to Maryville.

Beautiful Flowers

The reason flowers are so popular at Xmas time with people who are particular as to what to send their friends and acquaintances is because there is nothing as appropriate and they are appreciated. We have the largest and choicest selection we have ever had, including plenty of Red Roses and Carnations and other colors, and Violets, Sweet Peas, Narcissus, Hyacinths, Etc. An extra fine selection of Potted Cyclamen, Begonias, Poinsettias, Primroses, Ferns, Etc. Special made up baskets of Cut Flowers and Plants. Wreaths of holly, statice, boxwood, immortelles, ruscus, magnolia, etc. Xmas Trees, Holly, Mistletoe, Wreathing, Etc. You will find our prices reasonable and the best quality. If you cannot make personal selection write or phone us your wants with every assurance of careful and prompt attention and safe packing and delivering.

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A few good yearling ox-ford bucks and a few good ram lambs. F.P. Robinson
Maryville, Mo.

DECEMBER 21, 1911.

50-Good for 50 Votes--50

Cut out this coupon and present at our store and we will give you credit for 50 votes.

Good for 50 Votes

(This coupon is printed in both the Democrat-Forum and Tribune daily papers.)

Not good after Thursday, December

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Raines Brothers
DEALERS IN FINEST QUALITY

109 West Third St.

SHOW STARTED AFTER 11.

Madame Sherry Company Late in Arriving in the City.

The production of Madam Sherry at the Empire theater Wednesday night was one of the best musical comedies seen here, although the show did not start until after 11 o'clock. The show company did not arrive in Maryville until Wednesday evening on the night Burlington, which was due at 8:30, and the train happened to be forty minutes late.

After arriving, the members of the company secured rooms, and the audience, which had been waiting patiently for the performance, witnessed the setting of the stage for the first act. It took some time to get the scenery up. The show was not out until after 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

The company intended to arrive in the city on the noon Burlington train, but owing to missing connections at Kansas City they could not get here before evening. On Tuesday night they appeared at Mexico, Mo.

The large audience present felt amply repaid for waiting for the show, as the chorus numbers were all very good, and there was not the slightest hint of a dull moment.

GIFTS—Sterling silver tableware. Low prices at CRANE'S.

MT. Ayr.

There is much complaint of colds and sickness in this community at present.

H. S. Schoonover is delivering corn to Maryville buyers this week.

Corn gathering is a thing of the past in these parts.

Grandma Riley is reported as being no better.

Mrs. Oscar Rimel is reported as being quite sick.

Henry Heitman and family spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schweikhardt.

The arrangements for the program to be given at Mt. Ayr church next Saturday night have been about completed, and we anticipate a good time. Everybody invited.

We believe in the old saying that what is good for the goose is also good for the gander, so if it is a good thing for the county to go dry it would also be good for the county seat to be dry. And here's hoping that Maryville will be dry after the coming election.

Miss Clara Heitman, who has been afflicted with some disease of the knee joint for some time, is reported as being some better.

F. M. Schweikhardt and H. S. Schoonover delivered hogs to Maryville buyers last Monday.

The children in these parts are expecting Santa Claus at the church next Saturday night.

Happy Christmas to you all.

GIFTS—Toilet sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00. See them at CRANE'S.

Miss Etta Edison, a Conservatory student, left Wednesday to spend the holidays at her home in New Hampton. She stopped in Stanberry for a brief visit with friends.

GIFTS—500 books; were \$1.50, now 50c. See them at CRANE'S.

GIFTS—Diamonds, \$10 to \$200. See them at CRANE'S.

Todays Markets

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—65,000. Market steady. Estimate tomorrow, 2,000.

Hogs—26,000. Market steady; top, \$6.25. Estimate tomorrow, 23,000.

Sheep—15,000. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—2,500. Market steady.

Hogs—13,000. Market steady; top, \$6.20.

Sheep—8,000. Market steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Cattle—1,500. Market steady.

Hogs—9,000. Market steady; top, \$6.25.

Sheep—500. Market steady.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 20.—Cattle receipts, 2,500. An up turn in values today. Both steers and butcher cows and heifers 15¢ to 25¢ higher than the close of last week. Top steers at \$7.80 today. Prospects are favorable for next week.

Hog receipts, 12,500. A good steady market today. Top, \$6.30, with bulk of the good hogs selling at \$5.80 to 6.15. Looks all right for next week.

Sheep receipts, 2,000. Choice lambs advanced 10¢ to 15¢ today. Balance sold steady. The market shows a 15¢ to 25¢ decline compared with last Wednesday. Sheep sold strong today with a top of \$3.40. Current prices 10¢ to 15¢ lower than a week ago. Looks favorable after the holidays for good grades.

National Live Stock Commission Co.

GIFTS—Sterling silver and ebony goods. See them at CRANE'S.

News of Society
and Womens' Clubs

Company F Had a Smoker.

After the regular drill by Company F at the armory Tuesday evening, Lieutenant Bert Charles gave the officers and men a smoker. Cider and doughnuts were served and the cigars passed around among the men.

Paul Ray Married in Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ray of South Main street received announcement Thursday morning of the marriage of Mr. Ray's nephew, Mr. Paul W. Ray, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ray, who moved to Golden Prairie, Wyo., from Maryville four years ago with their family and have since engaged in farming and stock raising in the county of Laramie on a large scale. The marriage of the young Mr. Ray occurred Thursday, December 14, at Cheyenne, Wyo. His bride was Miss Glenna Fern McKenney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McKenney of Cheyenne, and is one of Laramie county's most successful teachers, having taught the past two years near Golden Prairie. She was formerly of Peru, Neb., where she was graduated from the State Normal at that place. The happy young couple will begin house-keeping at once on a farm near Albin, Wyo.

Their Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Craig of this city were guests on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gex, near Graham. The host and hostess gave a magnificent dinner to celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary, the honor guests being Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Craig, who were married at the same time, and went to Kentucky together on their honeymoon. Sunday, December 17th, was the exact date, but it was impossible for the company to be gathered on that day, so Tuesday, December 17, also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Mountjoy, son-in-law and daughter of the host and hostess, was celebrated. All of Mr. and Mrs. Gex's children were present but two, Mrs. Halbert Catterton, and her family, who were unable to come on account of the bad day, and Robert Gex, Jr., who is attending a military school in Kentucky. The company was highly entertained by reminiscence stories of the brides and bridegrooms of thirty-five years ago, who told wonderful tales of their honeymoon trip in Kentucky and of the parties and dinners and functions given in their honor. The company included Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Craig, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gex, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gex and two daughters, Virginia and Henrietta of Higgins, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Floriam Gex and son, Brookling Rouse, of Ghent, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. John Gex and children; Mr. and Mrs. Will Gex and four children, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mountjoy and sons, Misses Bettie and Mariam Gex.

GIFTS—Clocks, \$1.00 to \$30.00. See them at CRANE'S.

Came to See Sick Brother.

Mrs. Almina Filipo, accompanied by her little granddaughter, of Wayne, Neb., arrived in Maryville Wednesday and are guests at the home of Mrs. Filipo's niece, Mrs. H. A. Watts, of East Third street. She came on account of the sickness of her brother, John Kenzie, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Watts. Mr. McKenzie has been ill for several months.

GIFTS—Brooches and bracelets. Big line. See them at CRANE'S.

Home From Military School.

Master Tom Redfield, who is attending the Kemper Military school at Booneville, Mo., arrived in Maryville Wednesday noon to spend the holidays at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Bert Harrison, and family. Tom is the pride and envy of all his boy friends in that splendid looking uniform, which he does full justice to, for he looks every inch the soldier.

Guests From Colorado.

Mrs. Charles Dempsey, 801 South Fillmore street, has for her Christmas guests her son, George Dempsey, and his wife and little daughter, Thelma, of Pueblo, Colo., who arrived in the city Tuesday night.

GIFTS—Necklaces and lockets. See them at CRANE'S.

Sold His Barber Shop.

Roy Yeaman sold his barber shop under the Standard Poland-China association office Tuesday to J. R. Moss, who lives five miles east of town.

GIFTS—Cut glass in great variety. See them at CRANE'S.

Miss Hazel Gove went Barnard Wednesday to visit her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Stewart.

You can have all these great artists
sing for you in your own home

The world's greatest singers to provide an evening of music for yourself and friends—whenever you wish, as often as you wish.

A performance such as is never even witnessed in the world's greatest opera houses—no management could afford to pay the thousands and thousands of dollars necessary to engage all these artists for a single performance, even if such a thing was possible.

And yet you can command their services on the Victor and have them sing their greatest arias—and enjoy their voices just as much as though you heard them in person.

Come in and hear these famous singers, and let us show you the different styles of the Victor (\$10 to \$100) and the Victor-Victrola (\$15 to \$250).

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120 West Third Street



IT HAS FIFTY-THREE.

This Year First Day Was on Sunday, and It Departs on That Day.

How many people know that the year just closing is fifty-three Sundays long.

As it came in on Sunday, it goes out on the same day. This, including 1905, occurs but eighteen times in this century. If you are mathematically constructed, it will be easy to understand how the arrangement seems irregular. If you are as frank about it as was Lord Chesterfield in 1751, when he presented a bill to bring British dates into agreement with those of Europe generally, it won't bother. He said he knew nothing about the subject; but he was forced to make the lords think he did, and to make them think that they also knew, which they didn't.

The next year corresponding to the current calendar will be 1916, and the same will be true of 1922 and 1928. After these, a similar condition will occur in five years, 1933. Then six years will elapse before a fifty-three Sunday calendar, 1939. Then the schedule will swing back to five years, or in 1944. From then there will be fifty-three Sundays in 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, 1972, 1978, 1984, 1989, 1995 and 2000. A study of this fact will show that no year, leap years excepted, can have fifty-three Sundays unless the year begins on Sunday.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

GIFTS—Calendars and Xmas post cards. See them at CRANE'S.

Andy Chris Cummins and John Owen Murrin arrived Wednesday night from Atchison, Kan., where they are attending the Catholic college, and will spend the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. John Murrin.

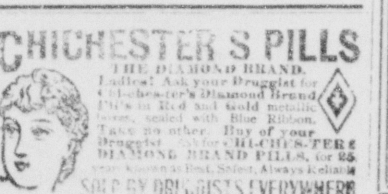
GIFTS—Watches of every kind. Very low prices at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Charles Thomas of Conception was in Maryville Wednesday.

GIFTS—Silk umbrellas, \$2.50 to \$15.00. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Ernest Glover and three children went to Savannah Thursday morning to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. J. Ryan.

GIFTS—Fobs and chains for gents and ladies. See them at CRANE'S.



What is Christmas Without

A Good Smoke

Of all the gifts in the list none would please him more than a box of fine cigars or a pipe and his favorite tobacco. We are better prepared than any former season to satisfy the Christmas Shopper.

Our Special

'Great American' Cigar

PACKED IN HOLIDAY PACKAGES FOR \$1 PER BOX

Other brands, packed in special holiday style. Tobaccos in fancy jars and packages, pipes, everything for the pleasure of the smoker at

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Supply Your Christmas Gift List
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COOK'S BAZAAR

Burnt Wood
Stationery in Christmas
Boxes
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Fancy Neckwear
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Fancy Queensware
Post Card Albums
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and many other items excellent for gifts at a very small cost.

Special on Christmas Candy

3 lb. Fine Mixed Candy

25c

20 Sticks of Candy

5c

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An Appropriate Gift

An appropriate and acceptable gift for a mother, wife, sister or particular lady friend is a dainty packet of visiting cards, or a box of correspondence cards.

Just the proper things for gifts. Give us your order and be assured we will carefully and promptly fill it in the correct style.

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Special Preparations Have Been Made to Take Care of Last Minute Shoppers—This Store is at Your Service. Shop Early in the Day!

KIMONA SILKS Soft kimona silks in beautiful persian, floral and bordered designs, 27 and 36 inches wide. Price, the yard, 50c.	WOMEN'S GLOVES 16-button length, real kid gloves, in black, white and shades of tan. \$3.50. Virginia Kid Gloves, \$1.50. Vernon, \$1.	PARISIAN IVORY FRAMES In white, blue and pink, for all sizes of pictures, oval or square. Priced from 15c to 50c.	VELVET BAGS The latest shapes in velvet bags are now on display. The prices range from 75c to \$8 each.	PICNIC SETS Picnic sets for one or two persons, folding knives, forks, spoons, and drinking cups. Pigskin case. From \$3 to 5.	MEN'S KNIVES Knives imported from Germany, solid pearl or novel enameled handles. Very best quality. Priced from 75c to \$2.50.
SILK DRESS PATTERNS Foulard, satin messaline, taffeta and Surah silks in checks and stripes. Price, by the yard, 75c.	MEN'S GLOVES Men's Gloves, made of fine cape-skin, gunmetal color, \$1.50. Boy's capeskin Gloves, for children 5 to 10 years, \$1.25.	COMMUNITY SILVER Community silver in the four best patterns. 50 year guarantee. In sets and separate pieces. Medium prices.	PEARL BEADS Pearl beads in long and short strands and pearl bandeaux are always quite popular as gifts. Many prices.	CHILDREN'S WORK BOXES Fitted complete and ready to use, with thread, needles, thimbles, embroidery floss, hooks and eyes and buttons. 25c to \$1.25.	LEATHER SLIPPERS Soft leather slippers for men or women. In leather case to match. Soft soles. Price \$2.50 a pair.
SILK SCARFING In shades of lavender, pink, light blue, floral designs, price 39c yard. Silk crepe scarfing, lavender, blue, pink and green, 75c yard.	ROYAL SOCIETY PIECES Hand embroidered library and dresser scarfs, pillow covers, shirt holders, tie racks, collar boxes, etc. \$1.25 to \$5.	JEWEL CASES A good assortment of jewel cases in many beautiful designs left. In silver and gold. Priced from 25c to \$3.75.	CUT GLASS A good chance to get cut glass for the table for the Christmas and New Year dinners. On special sale at \$3.35.	HAT PINS A large showing of hat pins in a great variety of styles. Make a good small gift. Priced from 10c to \$1.25.	READING LAMPS Electric reading lamps, green bases, with onyx, glass or brass bases, with shaded glass. From \$3.50 to \$10.
WOOL BLANKETS Large size wool blankets, in grays, tans, plaids and white. Extra values at the price. From \$5 to \$8.50 each.	CLUNY PIECES Genuine hand made linen cluny pieces. Dollies, center pieces, lunch cloths, scarfs, etc. Priced from \$1 to \$15.	MESH BAGS Mesh bags still continue in favor. We have them from the children's sizes at 10c to the best possible grade at \$10.	STERLING DEPOSIT WARE The newest thing in glass ware. Sterling silver is laid in the glass in novel designs. Can be polished if tarnished. All prices.	MOTTOES "My Wish For You," "The Rosary" and many other different mottoes. Suitable for gifts. In the center aisle.	FANS Fans made of fine lace or with sparkles, ivory handles. A very appropriate Christmas gift. From \$2.25 to \$4.
CHILDREN'S SWEATER SUITS Coat and cap to match. Best quality. All wool. White with blue borders. Price \$2.50 a suit.	LEATHER NOVELTIES Leather opera bags, book covers, card holders, pillow covers, and table mats. Priced from \$1.50 to \$10.	<div> <p>PRESENTS FOR EVERYONE</p> </div>		STATIONERY Stationery in beautiful boxes, good quality of paper. Some boxes embossed, others in Christmas designs. Priced very reasonable.	TRAVELING CASES Traveling cases for men, fine black seal leather, fittings are genuine ebony, best quality. At \$7 and \$7.50.
WOMEN'S BEDROOM SLIPPERS Knitted slippers with thick lamb's wool soles. In delicate shades of pink, light blue and lavender. Price \$1 a pair.	CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES Traveling cases, sewing companions, clipping books, pin cushions, ribbon holders, needle books, etc. From 25c to \$2.50.			DINNER GONGS Brass dinner gongs mounted in mission style. Give a very clear tone. Priced from \$2.50 to \$5.	TOYS, SPECIAL AT 75c. A special lot of trunks, slideboards, hook and ladder and fire engines, delivery wagons, horses, etc., worth \$1 to \$1.50, for 75c.
WOMEN'S FLEECE GOWNS Very soft and thick, made extra large. A very practical, sensible gift. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$1.75.	SERVICEABLE VEILS Genuine "Stronghair" veils with Shetland finish. All new shades, including black and white. From 69c to \$2.00.			POPULAR NOVELS. Nearly a thousand of the most popular novels to choose from, fully illustrated and well bound. \$1.50 quality for 50c.	TOYS AT 10c Tops, furniture, horns, horses, wagons, dolls, clocks, come balls, and many other toys, on table, for 10c.
MEN'S FLEECE NIGHT GOWNS Cut in good, big sizes. Made of medium weight outing flannel. Something every man would appreciate. From 75c to \$1.25.	GIFT BOXES Suitable for handkerchiefs, gloves, fans, hosiery, purses, veils, jabots, towels, etc. Holly and poinsettia designs, 5c.			FAMOUS ARTISTS' BOOKS Three books of Harrison Fisher's drawings and one of Will Greffe's. Printed in colors. Nicely boxed. Price \$1.	GAMES 10c Fish pond, steeple chase, tiny town, lotto, quotations, Christmas mail, kindergartens, little Nemo, shuffles, etc., for 10c.
INFANTS' KNITTED BOOTEES Come in several different weaves and shapes. Dainty combinations of pink, light blue and white. Fadeless yarn, 25c.	WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS All-linen handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, hemstitched, 15c to \$1.75. Lawn scalloped and lace edged handkerchiefs, 15c to \$2.	<div> <p>PRESENTS FOR EVERYONE</p> </div>		CHILDREN'S BOOKS Most popular titles in boys' and girls' books, including the Holmes, Meade, Southworth and Alger series. Price 25c.	SPORTING GOODS Boxing gloves, \$1.25 to \$1.75; punching bags, \$1 to \$2; footballs, \$1 to \$1.50; ice and roller skates, 25c to \$1.
INFANTS' CROCHET SACQUES Made of heavy, soft yarns to match the bootees. Will wash well. Priced at 50c.	MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS All-linen handkerchiefs, with initials, hemstitched, 25c to 50c. Silk handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 75c to \$1.25.			GEM BOOKS The most appropriate gems of modern literature in small book form. Handsome covers, well printed. Priced from 15c to 25c.	TRICYCLES Tricycles with rubber and steel tires, four different sizes, priced from \$1.75 to \$4.50 each.
KNITTED NEWPORTS Just a few left. Made of heavy wool. A good variety of colors to choose from. Price \$1.	CANDLES All colors, for Christmas decorations, 5c each. Small candles for the Christmas tree also in stock.			UMBRELLAS FOR MEN The famous "Hull" umbrellas, with detachable handles, plain or inlaid. Silk or silk and linen. From \$2.50 to \$10.	IRON TOYS Hook and ladder wagons, trains, automobiles, fire engines, stoves, cash registers, banks, etc. From 25c to \$1.50.
AVIATION CAPS Big, soft and fluffy. White only. All hand made. Quite becoming to nearly every face. Priced at \$1.50.	JEWELRY Brilliant brooches, bar pins, in Roman gold and bright gold finish. Priced from 25c to \$2.50.	SIDE FRILLS The most popular fancy neckwear. In white, black and cream colors. A big variety. Priced from 25c to \$2.	ALLOVER LACE For a special gift give allover lace to make beautiful waists. A wide variety to choose from.	UMBRELLAS FOR WOMEN "Hull" umbrellas, detachable handles and tops, to fit into a suitcase. All silk and silk and linen. From \$2.50 to \$5.	GUNS Daisy air rifles from 50c to \$1.50; pop guns, at 25c; pop guns with shooting gallery for 25c.
CHILDREN'S TOQUES Warm, knitted wool toques. Made of bright colored yarns. Something that boys and girls will want to wear, 25c and 50c.	BEAUTY PINS Beauty pins in all shapes and for every purpose. A large showing. Moderately priced from 10c to \$1.25.	LACE COLLARS Collars made of Macrame, baby Irish and hand made cluny lace. All new styles. Prices range from 25c to \$5.	WOMEN'S SILK HOSE Women's silk hose in colors and black. Some are all silk, others silk and lisle. Priced from 50c to \$2.	DAMASE PATTERNS Cloth and napkins to match, beautiful designs, the cloth bordered on all sides. Priced from \$5 to \$15 a set.	DISH SETS China dishes, floral designs, 3 to 32-piece sets, from 25c to \$1.50; porcelain dish sets from 39c to \$1.
STUFFED CUSHIONS Satin, embossed velvet and velour cushions. In brown, green and red colors and floral designs, \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75.	BELT PINS In pearl, turquoise, ruby, emerald, and amethyst settings mounted in Roman and bright gold. All the new shapes.	SCARFS Graceful scarfs made of soft silk Crepe de Chine and beautiful scarfing silks. Nearly all colors. 50c to \$1.75.	EMBROIDERED HOSIERY Black lisle hose embroidered in black and colors. Very dainty designs. Priced by the pair, 50c and 75c.	LINEN TOWELS Satin damask and huck towels, hemstitched and scalloped ends, embroidered designs. From 50c to \$1.25 each.	METAL DISH SETS Something new. Unbreakable dishes, decorated with designs in colors or with nickel finish, from 10c to 50c set.
PILLOW COVERS AND SCARFS Embroidered on blue, green, red and brown burlap, 25c and 50c. Linen colored scarfs to match, floral and applique designs, 50c.	COMBS Brilliant back combs, some in Christmas boxes. Very handsome shapes and mountings. Priced from 25c to \$2.00.	WAIST FRONTS Hand embroidered waist fronts, in light blue. Designs are particularly dainty and pleasing. At \$2 each.	MEN'S HOSE Good, heavy quality of silk hose, black only, for \$1.50 a pair. Silk lisle in all colors, 50c.	BED SPREADS Fringed with cut corners, scalloped with cut corners and plain hemmed spreads, in honeycomb and Marseilles patterns. \$1 to \$6.	ANIMALS AT 1-3 OFF Cows, horses, goats, sheep, dogs, bears, cats, elephants, mules, rabbits, etc., from 50c to \$5, for one-third off.
PENNANTS For the college girl and boy. In school colors with old English, block and shaded monograms. Priced from 25c to \$1.25.	TOILET WATER Every year more persons give toilet waters as an intimate gift. We feature the best—Richard Hudnut's. Different sizes and prices.	CORSET COVERS Embroidered corset covers, packed one in a box. Exclusive designs. Complete with straps to match. \$1 to \$1.50.	ROBE MATERIALS Beautiful robe materials, silk net embroidered with pink chenille roses, also beaded net in colors. \$1 to \$7.50.	SILK WAIST PATTERNS Waist patterns in fancy checked taffetas and messalines in stripes and figures. Priced from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a pattern.	CHRISTMAS BOOKS Christmas books for little children, all kinds, drawing books, fairy tales, etc., priced from 5c to 25c each.

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A Dinner Decoration Idea.

For our Christmas dinner party, a hoop—wound with red tissue paper—was suspended from the ceiling and hung over the center of the table. To this were fastened turlatun stockings, one for each person. A red ribbon ran from each stocking to the plate of the guest for whom it was intended. The stockings contained jokes in the shape of toys and verses, and chocolates, popcorn, etc. No one was allowed to look into his stocking until dinner was over.—Good Housekeeping Magazine.

Why Ada Neve Married.

Her mother's explanation: "She was always hard to suit."

Her father's explanation: "She could not find a man her intellectual equal."

Aunt Fanny's explanation: "Young men are not what they were in my day!"

Brother Jim's explanation: "She was never much of a looker, anyhow."

Her best friend's explanation: "She never was asked, that's the reason."

Ada's own explanation: "I could not bring myself to give up my church and settlement work!"—W. W. Whitlock in Life.

PROSPERITY OF THE NAVAJOS

They Have Ample Pasturage and Make Money by Their Silver Work.

The Navajos are today by long odds the most prosperous Indians in America. Their vast reserve offers ample pasturage for their sheep and ponies, and though their flocks are a scrub lot, yielding little more than fifty to seventy cents a head in wool on the average, still it costs nothing to keep sheep and goats. Both furnish a supply of meat. The hides fetch ready money. So do the wool and the blankets. And the Navajos are the finest silversmiths in America. Formerly, they obtained their supply of raw bullion from the Spaniards, but today they melt and hammer down United States currency into butterfly brooches and snake bracelets and leather belts with the 50-cent coins changed into flower blossoms with a turquoise center. Ten-cent pieces and quarters are transformed into necklaces of silver beads or buttons for shirt and moccasins. If you buy these things in the big western cities they are as costly as Chinese or Hindu silver, but on the reserve there is a very simple way of computing the value. First take the value of the coin from which the silver ornament is made. Add a dollar for the silversmith's labor, and also add whatever the value of the turquoise happens to be and you have the price for which true Navajo silverwork can be bought out on the reserve.—Travel Magazine.

Planning for Mother.

Mrs. Shepherd looked bewildered when her sons announced that six of "the boys" were coming up on the noon train. "They want to see our camp," said Ted.

"Why didn't you tell me this morning," Mrs. Shepherd wailed, "when the butcher was on the hill?"

"Oh, they won't expect to be regularly entertained," Hal said, comfortably. "We'll just picnic."

"Good!" said Ted, approvingly. "They aren't hard to please. Just put some stuff in a basket, and it will be all right, mumsey. Fried chicken'd be great, and just a few ham sandwiches, some of that chocolate layer cake you make, and a few doughnuts or apple puffs, and maybe seed-cakes, if there are any."

"There you are, mumsey," said Hal, encouragingly, "everything all planned for you!"—Youth's Companion.

Painting Watch Hands.

Near the jeweler's front window sat a young woman painting with an exceedingly delicate brush.

"She is painting the hands on those black open-faced watches," the jeweler said. "A lot of people who buy black watches complain that they can not see the gold hands against the black background. It has never occurred to the managers to make the watches in the first place with white hands, so when the customer's requests it the young woman paints the hands white."

Distinction.

Senator Lottmun—Who is this Mc Chunkerson that wants a consulship, and what claim has he on me for a political job?

Private Secretary—He says he's the only man who hasn't been mentioned as a candidate for governor of Illinois.

Miss Chloe Shopbell of Pickering came to Maryville Wednesday evening to visit her sister, Mrs. Vern Dixon.

Starts On Time To-Night

EMPIRE

MOTION PICTURE SHOW

A Meritorious Program

"Barriers Buried Away"

Vitagraph

"The Legend of Lake Desolation"

Pathe

"Rescued In Time"

Lubin

A REGULAR SHOW
at REGULAR PRICES

Children 5c Adults 10c

Miss Myrtle Nixon, who is teaching in Chicago, arrived home Thursday morning to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Nixon.

Auction sale of up-to-date picture frames (16x20) on the square Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Will go to the highest bidder.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Stackhouse of Conception were Maryville business visitors Wednesday.

GIFTS—Pictures for everybody. See them at CRANES.

Mrs. Truman Kellogg of Barnard was in Maryville Wednesday.

Heroic Treatment.

The physician turned to the office patient in the canvas coat and leggings.

"You must follow my directions implicitly," he said, handing him a small vial of liquid. "You are to take three drops in water every four hours."

"Three drops in water every four hours?" ejaculated the patient, in a bewildered manner. "And in an aviator?"—Lippincott's.

Miss Mayne Bloom of Arkoe was shopping in Maryville Wednesday and visited Mrs. John Stundon.

George S. Heck, who has been sick for several days, was much better Wednesday.

A Lower Bid.

"By gorry," said Pat, as he read over the morning paper. "Here's Larry Doolan failed for half a million."

"The graspin' onadhaun!" cried Mike. "Sure, an' of'd do at fer tite!"—Harper's Weekly.

GIFTS—Ladies' bags, \$1.50 to \$10. See them at CRANES.

The Ruling Passion.

"How is Mrs. Dumley? I understand the doctor gave her up?"

"Yes, he did. But she's better. The other day she thought she was sinking and sent in a hurry for her women neighbors."

"Well."

"In ten minutes they were all playing bridge."

Thrifty Housewives take advantage of our Friday Bargain Grocery Sales. They save a little on each purchase besides receiving somewhat fresher and better goods.

DON'T OVERLOOK THIS ITEM.
Include in your order 25c for Sugar and get 5 lbs PURE CANE GRANULATED.

1 pkg each Skinner's 10c MACARONI and VERMICELLI for..... 15c
2 cans Merry War or Eagle High Test LYE for..... 15c
4 cans 10c NIX FOR DIRT..... 10c
2 lbs SUNSHINE GINGER SNAPS 15c
8 lbs LUMP SAL SODA..... 15c
25c pkgs RUB NO MORE for..... 16c
10c box COW SODA for..... 7c
100-lb sacks fine GRANULATED SUGAR for..... \$6.25
Swift's SNAP SOAP, if ordered with other goods, 3 bars for 5c; 18 bars for..... 25c
Four's PICNIC HAMS, sugar cured, per lb..... 11c
P. & G. WHITE NAPTHA SOAP, 5 bars..... 19c
Fairbanks' FAIRY SOAP, 5 bars..... 19c
Fairbanks' 5c SUNNY MONDAY SOAP, 5 bars..... 17c
3 lbs SWEET PRUNES..... 25c
1 lb CITRON, ORANGE or LEMON PEEL..... 15c
1 lb best DATES..... 10c
3 lbs COOKING FIGS..... 25c
3 lbs large COOKING RAISINS..... 25c
Gallon cans WASHINGTON BLACK-BERRIES, cans chuck full..... 45c
1 dozen cans IOWA CHIEF SUGAR CORN..... 85c
Half dozen cans BEST FRENCH PEAS..... 90c
Half dozen cans Libby's Pyramid brand finest ASPARAGUS TIPS, 30c goods, for..... \$1.18
5c box SUNSHINE SODA CRACKERS for..... 65c
80c box SUNSHINE KRISPY CRACKERS for..... 70c

THIS STORE WILL CLOSE AT 10 A. M. CHRISTMAS DAY.

Fresh COUNTRY EGGS, 2 dozen..... 55c
Best farm BUTTER, per lb..... 25c
Fancy CELERY, large bunch..... 10c
Quart jars Premium PRESERVES for..... 20c
Quart jars SWEET CUCUMBER PICKLES for..... 20c
Quart jars SOUR CUCUMBER PICKLES for..... 20c
Huntsman Favorite EATING APPLES, peck..... 35c
Golden Rule BUTTERINE, in 1-lb cartons..... 20c
Nice quality ALMERIA GRAPES, per pound..... 20c

GOOD STOCK DELAWARE HOLLY. FINE QUALITY MIS-TLETOE.

Finest NEW YORK OYSTERS, per can..... 25c and 30c
SHELL OYSTERS, Blue Points, 3 doz..... 25c
Half dozen cans, 1lb each, PINK SALMON..... 65c
1 dozen cans No. 1 COVE OYSTERS for..... 85c
12 cans Van Camp's best MILK..... 48c
12 cans Van Camp's large size (16 ozs) MILK..... 95c
1 doz quart cans best HOMINA..... 80c
Quart cans PORK AND BEANS, with tomato sauce..... 10c
Size No. 2 cans PORK AND BEANS with tomato sauce, 4 for..... 25c
1 dozen cans SWEET WRINKLED PEAS..... \$1.50
1 dozen cans best INDIANA TOMATOES, quart size..... \$1.12½
1 dozen cans best INDIANA TOMATOES, size No. 2..... 90c

CHASE'S QUEEN QUALITY CHOCOLATES, per lb..... 35c

THE TOWNSEND CO.
THE ONLY LARGE EXCLUSIVE CASH STORE IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI.

Vanishing Boundary.

"Poor old Alf," sighed Mrs. Crimp, as the form of her husband vanished down the road. "He's growin' shockin' bald!"

"Yes, I've noticed it," assented her neighbor. "Ever since his last illness he's been molting, as you might say. I hope he ain't worryin' over it, Mrs. Crimp."

"Well, it do bother him a bit," she admitted.

"And well it might," said her neighbor. "When my old man lost his hair he felt the cold somethin' terrible."

"Oh, it ain't the cold that worries Alf," replied Mrs. Crimp. "It's the bother he has when he's washing himself. If he doesn't keep his hat on, poor dear, he can't tell where his face finishes!"—London Answers.

GIFTS—Complete stock of kodaks. See them at CRANES.

Special Poultry Prices

I will pay the following prices for poultry delivered at the southeast corner of the square, Maryville, Mo., Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23:

Hens, per lb..... 9c
Young roosters, per lb..... 9c
Old roosters, per lb..... 8c
Geese, per lb..... 8c
Ducks, per lb..... 10c
Leghorn hens, per lb..... 7c
Leghorn young roosters, lb 7c
Hides, per lb..... 9c

FRED ROGERS

The Store to go to
for Christmas Gifts

PARLE'S PHARMACY

If you want a handsome and useful article, don't fail to see us. We have a great variety of articles that will make gifts that will last for for years and always be a constant pleasure to the recipient :: :: ::

Ladies' Work Boxes Toilet Cases
Manicure Sets Military and Brush Sets
Toilet Sets Shaving Sets
Collar and Cuff Boxes Perfumes

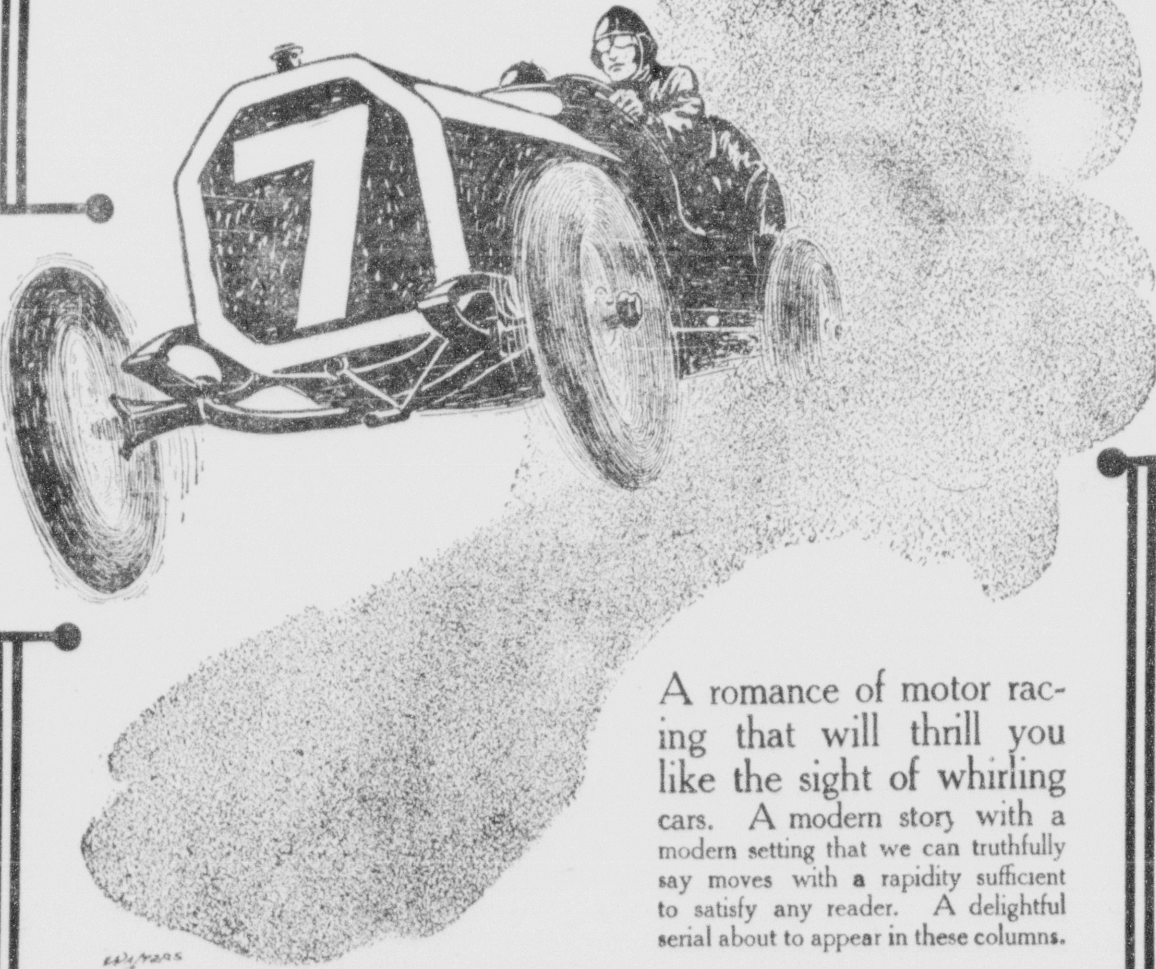
Then we have a nice line of the best cigars. Bought especially for the Xmas trade and an assortment of pipes, the finest ever seen in this town. Pipe smokers be sure to see our line of pipes.

Call and see our goods and you will find just what you want and the price will be just right.

T. J. PARLE

WATCH FOR

THE FLYING MERCURY



A romance of motor racing that will thrill you like the sight of whirling cars. A modern story with a modern setting that we can truthfully say moves with a rapidity sufficient to satisfy any reader. A delightful serial about to appear in these columns.

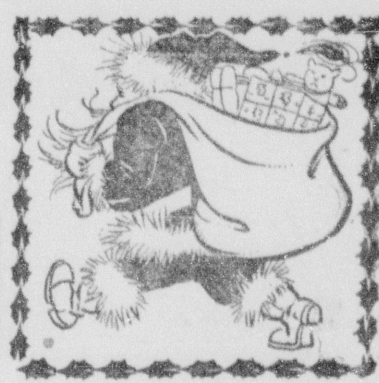
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The First Chapter of This Fascinating Serial Will Appear
Next Tuesday, December 26

Forty Third Annual Clearing Sale



Christmas Coming



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS OF HOLIDAY GOODS

The Most Complete Stock Outside of the Large Cities in

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, Sterling Silver and Plated Ware, Toilet Sets, Manicure Goods, Fine Umbrellas, Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Pictures and the most complete stock of Holiday Books, Eastman Kodaks, Etc., at money saving prices. One price to all

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CRANE'S Book and Jewelry Store

Christmas Candies, Fruits and Nuts At MARK'S, South Side Square FINE BOX CANDIES, CHOCOLATES, CREAMS & Fancy Candies

MISSOURI FARMERS' WEEK.

To Be Held at Columbia from January 8 to 12.

The dates of the next Missouri farmers' week, as the big annual gathering of the farmers of the state has come to be called, are January 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The place is the agricultural college at Columbia. Farmers' week is held under the auspices of the state board of agriculture, the agricultural college co-operating and putting on a four days' short course.

In this short course practical instruction is given in the various subjects in which the general farmer, the live stock specialist, the dairyman, the horticulturist and the poultryman are interested. Special attention is given to live stock and grain judging. Practically the entire teaching force

of the college will give the week's time to this work.

In addition to the members of the college faculty there will be a large number of prominent men and women on the program arranged by the board of agriculture. Among these may be mentioned A. J. Glover of Hoard's Dairyman, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.; Joseph E. Wing of the Breeders' Gazette, Chicago; President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, Professor Alva Agee of the Pennsylvania state college, Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, Minneapolis, Minn.; R. J. Kinzer, secretary of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' association; Herbert J. Krum, editor of the Saddle and Horse Show Chronicle, Lexington, Ky.; Dean H. L. Russell of the Wisconsin Agricultural college, and Hon. A. N. Abbott, member

Illinois legislature and extensive farmer and cattle feeder.

The Missouri state corn show will be held in the agricultural college during farmers' week. The premiums amount to more than \$3,000 in cash and farming implements, and include a handsome \$200 silver cup offered by the state board of agriculture for the first time.

Live stock breeders will find that this year's program contains more "meat" for them than has any previous program, and a correspondingly large increase in attendance is anticipated.

The country women of Missouri are especially invited. There are to be four interesting days of home economics work, a meeting of the Missouri Women Farmers' club, daily instruction in poultry husbandry, and discussions touching the most vital questions that have to do with the country home.

A dozen or more associations, including breeders of horses, sheep, cattle and hogs, will hold meetings during the week, as will the Farm Management association, Dairy association, and others.

The exercises of the week open Monday night and close Friday night with the seventh annual farmers' banquet. Each evening there will be a program of music, popular addresses and illustrated lectures.

Governor Herbert S. Hadley, State Superintendent of Schools W. P. Evans and other prominent officials and educators will be in attendance.

Each visitor who registers during farmers' week will be provided with a beautiful badge. The attendance is expected to reach 2,000, and Columbia is making preparations for this many people. Reduced rates on railroads.

Programs and further information may be had by addressing T. C. Wilson, secretary Missouri state board of agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

HAD NO PERMIT FOR DOGGIE

So the Woman Dropped Her Pet Off the Car and Resumed Her Seat.

The little woman with the laundry blue and gangrenous green flowers on her hat all scrambled up into a Wilton rug design got on the car carrying a dog. It was one of those aristocratic, foolish-looking dogs that couldn't overtake a Welsh rabbit.

"Got a permit for that dawg?" asked the conductor when he came around for the woman's fare. "Haven't? Then you'll have to get off the car."

"Well, I'll not get off the car," retorted the woman.

"You can't stay on here with that dog unless you've got a dog permit," insisted the conductor.

The woman got up, dog under one arm, as if to get off. But as she rose she repeated: "I'll not get off. So there!"

Still, she walked to the rear platform as if in contradiction of her own assertion. The conductor was ready to signal the motorman to stop.

But the woman had declared she wasn't going to get off, and she intended to keep her word. She poised the dog carefully in her palms, tossed him off into the street, at the same time bidding him "Go home!"

Then she came back into the car and dropped languidly into her seat with a bored tilt to her face.

Mrs. C. G. Swinford of Pickering returned home Wednesday after a two days' stay in Maryville doing Christmas shopping and visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swinford.

GIFTS—Rings in great variety. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. J. H. Feight of Milo, Ia., returned to her home Thursday from a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. David Ferris, who was operated on at St. Francis hospital Tuesday.

GIFTS—Boys' and girls' books. See them at CRANE'S.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ulmer and son of Coin, Ia., were in Maryville Thursday on their way to Hopkins to visit Mr. Ulmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ulmer.

Auction sale of up-to-date picture frames (16x20) on the square Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Will go to the highest bidder.

GIFTS—Hand-painted china plates, 75c and \$1.20. See them at CRANE'S.

Mrs. Henry Toel and daughter, Miss Helen, of Conception, were shopping in Maryville Wednesday.

FOUND—Pocketbook. Owner please call Mrs. W. R. Wells, R. D. 1, Maryville. Hanama 2-B. 21-23

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Mrs. Marion F. Smith, 505 North Buchanan. Bell phone 193. 21-23

Mrs. Carl Murray and two little daughters went to Bedford Thursday to visit over Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. M. Kemp.

Mrs. N. A. Wagner and son, Everett, of Pickering were in the city Thursday.

D. R. EVERSOLE & SON

These very special prices will prevail on the following merchandise to clean up our winter stocks.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF COTTON AND WOOL BLANKETS AT COST---NOTHING RESERVED

It is our desire not to carry over a single garment in ladies', misses' or children's coats, and in order to move them out quick we offer them at the following prices:

Seven ladies' black cloth coats, worth \$25.00 for	\$15.00
Choice of any \$18.00 and \$20.00 coats for	\$10.00
Choice of any \$15.00 coats for	\$7.50
Choice of any \$10.00 coats for	\$5.00

All misses' fancy mixture coats at ABSOLUTELY HALF PRICE

All infants' and child's coats at ABSOLUTELY HALF PRICE

Ladies' Dresses

Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to buy these fine garments at Half Price. Nothing is reserved with the exception of our challe dresses.

We bought too heavy on ladies', misses' and child's sweaters and the stock must be reduced before inventory. The stock will be sold at the following prices:

\$6.00 and \$6.50 values.....	\$4.00
4.00 values.....	2.75
3.75 values.....	2.50
2.50 values.....	1.75
2.00 values.....	1.38
1.75 values.....	1.25
75c and 85c values.....	50c

Furs

We offer our entire fur stock at ONE FOURTH OFF. This is the first reduction of the season on furs and no doubt will be taken advantage of by the Christmas buyers.

Umbrellas

Special for Friday and Saturday

Ladies' umbrellas with detachable handle and tip.

\$5.00 values.....	\$4.25
4.50 values.....	3.98
4.00 values.....	3.48
3.50 values.....	3.00

See our showing in our North window.

Other Specials for Friday and Saturday

Manicure sets, very fine qualities. We have just six sets left and we want them sold by Saturday night.

\$5.00 values.....	\$3.75	\$3.00 values.....	\$2.00
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Ladies' Mesh Bags

\$12.50 values for.....	\$7.00	6.00 values for.....	4.98
7.50 values for.....	5.00	A reduction of 50c on all other values.	



Let Us Make You a Christmas Present

We have too many Boys Knickerbocker Knee Pants Suits, ages 13 to 17, about 100 suits in the lot, made by Ederheimer Stein & Co., the "Xtragoood brand," the best Boys' suits on the market. For this week only we will make the following prices:

\$10.00 Suits	\$7.50	\$7.50 and \$6.50 Suits	\$5.00
\$9.00 and \$8.50 Suits	\$6.50	\$5.50 and \$5.00 Suits	\$4.00
		\$4.50 and \$4.00 Suits	\$3.00

If you want to make a substantial present to your boy or some other boy, get busy.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS ALL THIS WEEK

Corwin-Murrin Clothing Co.

Give him



a bank book

On Christmas Morning

IT is the best present you can give a boy. It will teach him the habit of saving and he will thank you in after years for starting him on the road to fortune. You can open it with so little as a dollar, but whatever the sum is, it will help the boy more than anything else you can offer him.

Come into this bank today and let us show you how you can do it.

NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

CAPITAL \$100,000.00
SURPLUS \$22,000.00

Within the Reach of All

A Box of Cigars from 50c per up.
A Nice Briar Pipe from 25c up.
A Real Meerschaum from 75c up in a Case.

Not the kind they write jokes
about after Xmas, either . . .

"MADE FOR YOUR FRIENDS" AT

HANSEN'S 109 SOUTH MAIN

Kane's Place

Liquors,

Wines,

Cigars,

Mail Orders Given Prompt Attention

Waukesha

"Club House"

THE BEER OF QUALITY

Adolph Lippman

DISTRIBUTOR

Mail Orders Promptly Filled

WIRE WAR ON IN EARNEST

Postal Company Preparing to Connect
Independent Phone Systems.

TO FIGHT WESTERN UNION-BELL

Rivalry Between Two Great Corporations
Will Give Telephone Connection to Small Concerns Independent of Big Monopoly.

New York, Dec. 21.—A move to combat the American Telephone and Telegraph company has just been made known in the announcement by Minor M. Davis, recently appointed superintendent of telephones of the Postal Cable company that the Postal Telegraph-Cable company will string heavy copper wires over its entire system for the independent telephone companies to use for long distance connections. The Western Union Telegraph company went into the control of the American Telephone and Telegraph company November 17, 1909. The American Telephone and Telegraph company owns the Bell system and its alliance with the Western Union gave the consolidated company an enormous advantage over the Postal, which had no telephone system.

After the taking over of the Western Union by the telephone company the war between the two telephone companies became fiercer than ever. The Western Union originated night letters and the Postal soon followed its example.

The Western Union began delivering and receiving messages by telephone. So did the Postal. But the connection between the Western Union and the Bell company is a great handicap for the Postal.

The object of the Postal in stringing the new wires is to give the independent telephone companies toll line connections with the larger cities. Independent of the Bell. The wires may be used for both telephoning and telegraphing.

Minor W. Davis, who has been appointed superintendent of telephones—an office just created—has been electrical engineer of the Postal company since its organization. He will push the new plan as fast as possible.

Competition between the Postal Telegraph company and the American Telephone and Telegraph company began in a small way in Texas.

Last summer the Mackay companies subsidiary, the Postal Telegraph company, announced that it would parallel the telephone lines of the independent Telephone and Telegraph company of Texas which, although called the Postal Telegraph-Cable company of Texas, was not controlled by the New York company of similar name. This concern has gone over to the Western Union-American Telephone and Telegraph ranks and the Mackay companies' subsidiary has been fighting it in the courts because of alleged discrimination in rates and service in favor of the Western Union combination.

District Attorney Wilkerson vigorously opposed the motions by the defendants' counsel. He explained it was necessary for the prosecution to plead to all the evidence in the case.

GOOD ROADS CAUSED TROUBLE

Election to Vote Bonds Called Off
Because of Fuss Among Neighbors Over Proposition.

St. Joseph, Dec. 21.—A good roads bond election, in Jefferson township, has been called off because of the bad feeling engendered in the campaign. A proposition to vote bonds of \$25,000 was to be submitted. The bonds were strongly advocated by Father Placidus of Conception Abbey, and there had been a vigorous campaign. Families were split on the proposition. At the instance of Father Placidus, the election is called off. He said they would rather not have the roads improved than to create enmity among friends and neighbors. Most of the residents are Catholics.

To Investigate Cherokee.

Topeka, Dec. 21.—At the request of C. E. Bramlette, sheriff of Cherokee county, Gov. Stubbs is going to send a man to that county to investigate the dismissal of the 30 cases against liquor men. Sheriff Bramlette was here and discussed the Cherokee situation with the governor for more than an hour.

Slashed a Capitol Painting.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Vandals entered the Capitol and mutilated "The Battle of Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the paintings which adorn the walls of the corridors and stairways. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left hand corner.

Drove 414 Turkeys to Market.

Montgomery, Mo., Dec. 21.—A drove of 414 turkeys was driven overland in the snowclad roads from Mineola to this city by Crane Brothers of Mineola, and sold for 15 cents a pound. The total weight was 6,719 pounds, making the price \$1,007.85. They were two days on the road.

Emperor Franz Joseph III.

Vienna, Dec. 21.—Emperor Francis Joseph's condition is again causing uneasiness. The emperor never recovered completely from his recent illness at Godollo and has been suffering from stomach trouble.

PACKERS RESORT TO TECHICALITY

Indicted Men Try Trickery to Secure
Release.

SURPRISED, COURT ADJOURNS

Millionaires, Facing Prison, Ask Acquittal Because of Alleged Flaw in Wording of Indictment.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Formal notice that the defense will present a motion to have Judge George A. Carpenter instruct the jury to return a verdict finding the ten Chicago meat packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law not guilty for the reason that the United States district attorney, James H. Wilkerson failed to make out a case in his opening statement to the jury was given by an attorney, Levy Mayer, at the opening of the afternoon session.

At the same time Mayer moved to dismiss counts 2 and 3 of the indictment because they do not mention the National Packing company which the government charges was the instrument used in fixing the prices of meat. He asked to have other allegations made by the district attorney, as not coming within the 3-year period covered in the indictment.

The action of the defense came as a surprise to the government and caused Judge Carpenter to adjourn court until 10 o'clock in the morning when he will rule on the motion.

"Counsel for the defendants" have agreed to present three motions," Mayer said. "The first is to have the case taken from the jury for the reason that the government's opening statement has utterly failed to make out a case under the five counts of the indictment."

"We shall support this motion with the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the cases of the Standard Oil and the American Tobacco companies."

"It is the argument of the government that the National Packing company constituted a cloak by means of which the packers continued the fixing of prices and the regulation of their output which had heretofore been accomplished by a pool. Therefore, the government on its own theory seeks to recover a verdict which must be based on facts and circumstances growing out of the operation of the National Packing company preceding the 3-year limit covered by this indictment. If there be eliminated all the facts and circumstances of the National Packing company for three years beginning in 1907 there would be no shadow of a case to go to this jury."

District Attorney Wilkerson vigorously opposed the motions by the defendants' counsel. He explained it was necessary for the prosecution to plead to all the evidence in the case.

OLD WAR CLAIM WILL BE PAID

Springfield Courthouse Was Used As
a Hospital for Federal
Soldiers.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 21.—Word was just received here to the effect that the United States court of claims at Washington has allowed to Greene county \$6,010 rental for the use of the present courthouse and jail as a hospital for federal prisoners in the opening years of the civil war. The county in February, 1907, filed a claim for \$10,000, after an investigation of old records had been made under the direction of Washington and Springfield attorneys. The necessary papers are being drawn here now, and payment of the claim will be made early in January. Federal soldiers and Confederate prisoners were brought to Springfield after the battle of Wilson Creek in August, 1861, and housed in the courthouse several months.

Killed His Brother.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 21.—Henry Baumhoefer shot and killed his brother, Fred Baumhoefer, at the former's farm near Wilton, on the Missouri river, 15 miles from Columbia. The brothers had quarreled over farm matters. Both had been drinking.

Ottawa Woman Gets Fortune.

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 21.—After believing her brother dead because of a silence of 40 years, Mrs. Rebecca Powers, has just learned that by his death, recently in Chicago, George Bonnett, the miser newsboy, had left an estate valued at \$35,000 to her and a half brother.

Socialists to Oklahoma City.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Oklahoma City was chosen for the national Socialist party convention in the referendum vote, the count of which has just been announced. The convention will begin May 12, 1912. Indianapolis was the second choice and Cincinnati third.

Big Help for Wheat.

Topeka, Dec. 21.—All the wheat-bearing districts of Kansas are now buried under a heavy blanket of snow. Bumper yields always follow conditions now prevailing.

THIS LADY'S GOOD APPETITE

Mrs. Hansen, in a Letter From
Mobile, Tells How She Gained It.

Mobile, Ala.—"I suffered for seven years, with womanly trouble," writes Mrs. Sigurd Hansen in a letter from this city. "I felt weak and always had a headache and was always going to the doctor. At last I was operated on, and felt better, but soon I had the same trouble."

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A Storm-Bound Christmas

By Dorothy Douglas

HAD Wallingford been anything but a wealthy bachelor and accustomed to having everything he wanted, the circumstances would have seemed less of a calamity.

He had been on his way to San Francisco to spend Christmas with his favorite married sister; and midway, in the most barren desert of the country, a bridge had been swept away by winter gales. His destination could not possibly be reached until Christmas was well over.

Wallingford cast a glance out over the wide stretch of rolling plains with only a few scattered shacks to break their endless waste; and then he looked back to his bulging suitcase. The latest and most wonderful toys he could find in the city shops were crowded into that bag, for his sister's only boy. Then, not caring whether or not a highwayman might be looking in at the window of the parlor car, he took a small box from his waistcoat pocket and looked sorrowfully at a ring from which three exquisite diamonds flashed back at him.

Wallingford leaned back in his chair and in imagination pictured his sister's joy when slipping that ring on her finger. He could hear her scold him for his extravagance and chaff him for having no one else for whom to buy such baubles. He sighed and returned it to his pocket much as he might have cast it to the depths of the sea; it would do him as much good there as it would in his pocket under the present circumstances.

Wallingford was reconciled to a Christmas dinner over a lunch counter when his eye caught the name of Yankville. Yankville probably boasted a near-thousand inhabitant, yet Yankville also suggested the name of Everly—Jack Everly. When Wallingford had last heard of Jack Everly the latter was located in Yankville. That was some eighteen months before, but there was no reason why he should not be there still.

It seemed that everyone in Yankville knew the Everly homestead. It was the only one of any proportions in the village.

The red glow from an open fire within cheered Wallingford's numbed faculties as he rang the bell at the Everly door.

On the face of her who opened the door, surprise was the principal expression. For, Wallingford, his six-foot-two encased in a great fur coat all dangling with glistening snow beads and his handsome glowing face looking frankly into her own, was a surprise for any eyes.

She did not wait for him to explain his errand but with the matron's privilege of hospitality invited him into the warmth of the house.

"It was too cold to stand outside," she explained and waited for his question.

"I am Bob Wallingford," he began meeting the easy cordial expression of her blue eyes. "I am one of the belated passengers of the bridge tie-up and decided to run over and see if Jack Everly would take pity on an old friend and—"

"Jack Everly left Yankville," a smile played about her lips at mention of the illustrious village, "some six or seven months ago—"

Embarrassment, disappointment and surprise mingled equally in Wallingford's face and did not escape the eyes of Sylvia Vale. She spoke with ready tact.

"Take off that great coat, anyway, and come into the fireside. It's no night to be out."

Wallingford followed the slim gray-clad figure in a decidedly chaotic state of mind. Mingled with his embarrassment at having walked into an absolute stranger's house, was the sudden attraction he felt for this girl with the sunlit hair. Something—the combination perhaps—was making him feel like a tongue-tied schoolboy. It was a most unusual state of mind for Bob Wallingford.

There was a patter of little feet and a tiny boy of three years threw himself into Wallingford's arms.

"Oh-h! Are you Santa Claus?" he cried gleefully. "I heard your sleigh bells and saw your big fuzzy coat! Mamma, isn't he Santa Claus?"

The child's mother would have spoken but Wallingford's eyes pleaded for silence.

"You young rascal! You caught old Santa this time, didn't you? And he came especially to find out what you wanted him to bring down the chimney—"

"Wallingford! How in the name of all that's possible did you get here?"

Dick Elkins, an old chum of New York days, stood in the doorway and held out a glad hand of welcome.

A weight of relief fell from Wallingford's shoulders. He was no longer a stranger in a strange house. And did

he imagine it, or did a glad light come also into the eyes of the woman?

"How about yourself?" he asked when they had shaken hands.

"This is my own house and my own sister," laughed Elkins. "But where in the world did you and Mrs. Vale strike up an acquaintance?" He cast an interrogative glance at his sister. "Sis, you never told me—"

Sylvia glanced quickly at Wallingford and a deep blush mingled with the glow from the fire in her cheeks. She explained the circumstances and Wallingford was quickly made to feel that he had come to the right house.

"I will stay under one condition only," he said finally, "and that is that you all will accept, without protest, the Christmas gifts which I brought for my sister and her family—without question."

There was a moment's silence and the promise was made, laughingly.

"But we will have to return the favor," brother and sister spoke as one voice.

"So it was decided.

"Too bad Vale couldn't get here," remarked Elkins, later in the evening when, the small boy having been tucked into bed, the three sat about the blazing fire.

"Yes—we would have made a jolly quartet," said Sylvia.

Wallingford was almost guilty of a gasp. The calm, unconcerned way in which she remarked that her husband would have completed a quartet on Christmas eve had been able to get there, was rather disconcerting.

Dick Elkins arose and left the room to get the boy's toys.

"Bring down the suitcase in my room," cried Wallingford. He was as excited as a boy.

"You will not regret having promised to accept what I had bought for my sister?" Wallingford leaned slightly toward Sylvia's gray dress and through the strands of her golden hair, and the man in him had a struggle before quenching the light in his own eyes. It was the girl herself who was unable to hide a tremor.

"I promise," she said unsteadily. "But it seems—odd."

Dick returned, staggering under a load of toys. Then they all jumped gladly into the spirit of Christmas.

"When my husband was living," said Sylvia as she pinned up a tiny



Invited Him Into the Warmth of the House.

stocking, "he always spoke of the day when he could do this—"

The end of her sentence was drowned in the clatter of a huge box of blocks dropping to the hearthstone.

"Cheer up," said Wallingford; "wooden blocks don't break."

He stooped to pick the fallen toys and wondered if the woman pinning up the stocking beside him heard the thumping of his heart. A small box found its way into Sylvia's hand.

"Mrs. Vale, I can't keep this another minute," Wallingford said.

"Oh, I say!" exclaimed Dick when the flashing diamond ring was unwrapped. "You shouldn't expect to make sis take—"

"You promised." The eyes of the two men met and Elkins knew then and there what Wallingford's lips would speak.

With two of the opposite sex against her Sylvia had little chance to demur and with a tingling sensation in every nerve she slipped the ring on her right hand.

It was late the next night when the child had again been tucked in bed to dream of a wonderful day in the kingdom of toys with three grown up people to play with him, that the three again sat about the open fire.

"I never spent a happier Christmas," said Wallingford with a glad ring in his voice.

"Nor I," put in Dick. "Vale missed a good time all right," he added sleepily. "Sis and her brother-in-law are quite smitten." And unaware of the havoc he had created in Wallingford's heart he took his departure for bed, leaving the two in silence.

But the silence was a complete one—one in which spoken words and thoughts were unnecessary. After a moment Wallingford leaned forward and compelled Sylvia's eyes and while he did so he took her right hand and removed the ring and put it firmly on the third finger of her left hand.

"Next Christmas," he said tenderly, "we will spend at our own fireside. It is all very sudden and very wonderful, Sylvia, but I always do important things suddenly—and love is always wonderful."

QUARREL OVER DYNAMITE PROBE

Indianapolis Prosecutor and Detective Almost Come to Blows.

GRABBED CLUB FROM POLICEMAN

County Prosecutor Baker Attacks Employee of Erectors' Association and Forcibly Drags Him to Court, Asking Protection.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—Asserting that Robert J. Foster, a detective engaged by the National Erectors' association in the dynamiting investigation, was interfering with him, County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker forcibly took Foster before Judge Joseph Markey of the criminal court, and asked for protection.

Judge Markey, who was conducting a murder trial, reprimanded the prosecutor for interrupting but Mr. Baker persisted and snatching a club from a policeman threatened Foster. Court officials drew Baker away and Judge Markey ordered him to appear in court to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. The judge took no cognizance of the charge against Foster.

Immediately after the incident Mr. Baker was subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury to testify in the government's inquiry in the dynamiting case.

The encounter between Baker and Foster was the result of friction between the prosecutor and Foster's superior, Walter Drew, counsel for the erectors' association. Drew had said Baker had been negligent in pressing the investigation locally and Baker resisted successfully in the county court the efforts of Drew and the county prosecutor of Los Angeles, Cal., to remove to Los Angeles books and papers of the Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, now in the hands of the federal authorities.

Saying he wished to know if Drew had any new information about the dynamiting case, the prosecutor summoned him to appear before the county grand jury. Drew and Foster went to the court house together. In a corridor Baker came upon Foster, accused him of "shadowing" him, and pulled him into the criminal court room.

"This man is interfering with me, and I want protection," said the prosecutor, angrily. "There is a trial in progress here," returned Judge Markey. "You are not bringing this man before me regularly. This is contempt of court."

"I will show who is in contempt," shouted the prosecutor, and jerked the club from the policeman.

After the judge ordered Baker to appear and show why he should not be held for contempt, Foster left the building and Baker went to the county grand jury room to examine Drew.

Taft at Automobile Club Dinner.

New York, Dec. 21.—President Taft was the guest of honor last night at the banquet of the Automobile Club of America, at the Waldorf-Astoria. More than 1,500 guests were present, among whom were Vice-President Sherman, the secretaries of war, state, navy, treasury, agriculture, commerce and labor and interior together with the attorney general and solicitor general.

Sleet in Northwest Missouri. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21.—Northwest Missouri is experiencing the worst sleet storm for several years. Live stock is suffering greatly and telephone wires are down at many points.

THREAD DOES SLEUTH WORK

Milwaukee Merchant Devises a Clever Scheme to Get Rid of a Troublesome Shoplifter.

The manager of a local department store took an efficacious method of ridding himself of a troublesome petty shoplifter recently. The woman has been coming into the store and picking up a small remnant, spool of thread, thimble or other article that happened to be lying about, having little intrinsic value, but being nevertheless a source of annoyance to both the clerk and the management. Because of the position of the woman, it was undesirable to institute an action.

A few days ago the manager took a spool of silk from the case, fastened the loose end of the thread with a tack, and allowing a bit of slack, left it upon the counter. It was not long before his party arrived, and deftly dropping the spool into her shopping bag, started out. The manager detached the loose end and followed her up the street, a few yards in the rear. He trailed her into another downtown store, and, as she was standing beside a counter in the midst of a crowded array of bargain seekers, approached her, calmly winding his thread and politely said:

"Madame, I'll trouble you for that spool of thread."

What followed can be more easily imagined than described. He got the thread and has not been troubled with losses since, nor have the other stores, so far as may be learned.—Milwaukee Free Press.

ATTEMPTED SELF PUNISHMENT

REV. RICHESON INFLICTED BAD WOUND IN GROIN.

Made Operation Necessary on Minister Held for Murder of Miss Linnell—Will Recover.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is confined in the Charles Street jail, awaiting trial on the charge of murdering Miss Avis Linnell, cut himself with a piece of tin. The wound was inflicted in the groin. His condition is not dangerous.

It is apparent from the nature of the injuries inflicted upon himself that it was not the accused preacher's intention to kill himself. His action is regarded by the jail officials as one of expiation for his sins. Richeson probably was temporarily insane when he mutilated himself.

The attendants at the jail heard a disturbance in Richeson's cell early in the morning and when they investigated they found the prisoner in great agony. He had gashed himself with a sharp, jagged piece of tin which he had converted into a sort of knife. When the guards approached the prisoner and inquired what the trouble was, Richeson said excitedly:

"I've cut myself—I'm bleeding to death!"

The prison doctor was hurriedly called and when he inspected Richeson he found that the man had cut himself severely near the groin. Other surgeons were sent for and their hasty arrival caused considerable excitement among the prisoners.

Four surgeons worked over Richeson for some time, and it was found necessary to resort to a drastic operation. Richeson was put under the influence of an anesthetic and the operation, which was performed shortly before daylight, was said to be a successful one.

District Attorney Pelletier, in an official statement, said the trial of Richeson for murder would begin on January 15, the date originally set.

WET CHRISTMAS FOR DRY PEOPLE

"Four Quarts, Bottled in Bond," etc., Makes Express Companies Hustle.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—A total of 8,500 packages of liquid "Christmas cheer" was sent out by the local express companies in one night as follows: The Wells-Fargo Express company, 2,500; the United States Express company, 2,500; the Adams Express company, 1,500; and the American Express company, 2,000.

"It is evident that 'four quarts bottled in bond, with gilded glass and corkscrew attached,' is to be a very popular Christmas present this season," said the agent at one of the depot express offices. "This is an average run for ten days before Christmas. Most of this goes to states that are 'dry.'"

The shipments of whisky average a gallon to the package.

BALLOT BOXES CAN BE OPENED

Supreme Court of Missouri Reverses Former Decision in Contest Case.

Jefferson City, Dec. 21.—The secrecy of the ballot cannot be pleaded when an allegation of fraud in the election is made, according to a decision of the supreme court on banc. The court held that R. E. Culver, the special commissioner appointed to hear the contests over the election of Judge Brown and Judge Kennish of the supreme court, and W. P. Evans, state superintendent of schools, has full authority under the constitution and the law to do anything that is necessary to ferret out fraud. This is a direct reversal by the court of decisions in former election contests.

The Quickest Way to Rest.

Do you know how to rest? A very busy man I know takes 20 minutes every day to lie flat on his back on the floor to rest and relax. That is very good, but I have found an even better way, which is to lie flat on the floor with legs up to the knees resting on a chair. This changes the entire circulation, and is the quickest way to rest. Try it. When you lie down to rest at night, and the mind insists upon working, try to relax thoroughly. Turn the thought to the weight of your body; think your hands heavy; keep the thought on the weight of your hands until the nerves tingle as if the hands were going to sleep. If you can feel that tingling sensation you have shown the power of relaxation of the hands. Think different members of the body heavy, until you can let go every nerve as if the entire body were so much jelly ready to melt on the bed. This requires practice, but it pays richly. To rest the eyes and make them bright, while lying down have them bandaged with a soft black silk handkerchief. This was advice received from an eminent eye specialist.—Harper's Bazar.

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1.25 Cold Meat Forks for	1.00
2.50 Fish Forks for	1.75
1.00 Pickle Forks for90
2.75 Oyster Forks for	1.75
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TAFT STRONG FOR CURRENCY REFORM

President Sends Special Message to Congress on Nation's Finances.

CUT IN EXPENSES IS SHOWN

Postoffice Department Shows Surplus for First Time in 27 Years—Hopes Monetary Reform Will Not Be Made Party Issue—Urges Parcel Post.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A special message of the president on the financial condition of the treasury, needed banking and currency reform and departmental questions was read to congress today. The message follows:

The financial condition of the government, as shown at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1911, was very satisfactory. The ordinary receipts into the general fund, excluding postal revenues, amounted to \$701,872,374.99, and the disbursements from the general fund for current expenses and capital outlays, excluding postal and Panama Canal disbursements, including the interest on the public debt, amounted to \$654,379,977.10, leaving a surplus of \$47,234,377.10.

The postal revenue receipts amounted to \$237,879,822.60, while the payments made for the postal service from the postal revenues amounted to \$237,660,705.48, which left a surplus of postal receipts over disbursements of \$219,118.12, the first time in 27 years in which a surplus occurred.

The interest-bearing debt of the United States June 30, 1911, amounted to \$915,353,190. The debt on which interest had ceased amounted to \$1,879,830.26, and the debt bearing no interest, including greenbacks, national bank notes to be redeemed, and fractional currency, amounted to \$339,751,917.43, or a total of interest and non-interest bearing debt amounting to \$1,803,984,987.69.

Shows Cut in Expenses.

The actual disbursements, exclusive of those for the Panama Canal and for the postal service for the year ending June 30, 1911, were \$654,187,997.89. The actual disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1910, exclusive of the Panama Canal and the postal service disbursements, were \$659,705,391.08, making a decrease of \$5,567,393.19 in yearly expenditures for the year 1911 under that of 1910. For the year ending June 30, 1912, the estimated receipts, exclusive of the postal revenues, are \$666,000,000, while the total estimates, exclusive of those for the Panama Canal and the postal expenditures payable from the postal revenues, amounted to \$645,842,799.34. This is a decrease in the 1912 estimates of \$1,534,367.22.

For the year ending June 30, 1913, the estimated receipts, exclusive of the postal revenues, are \$667,000,000, while the total estimated appropriations, exclusive of the Panama Canal and postal disbursements payable from postal revenues, will amount to \$637,920,803.35. This is a decrease in the 1913 estimates from that of the 1912 estimates of \$7,921,996.69.

As to the postal revenues, the expansion of the business in that department, the normal increase in the post office and the extension of the service, will increase the outlay to the sum of \$260,938,463; but as the department was self-sustaining this year the postmaster general is assured that next year the receipts will at least equal the expenditures, and probably exceed them by more than the surplus of this year. It is fair and equitable, therefore, in determining the economy with which the government has been run, to exclude the transactions of a department like the post office department, which relies for its support upon its receipts. In calculations heretofore made for comparison of economy in each year, it has been the proper custom only to include in the statement the deficit in the post office department which was paid out of the treasury.

A calculation of the actual increase in the expenses of government arising from the increase in the population and the general expansion of governmental functions, except those of the post office, for a number of years shows a normal increase of about 4 per cent a year. By directing the exercise of great care to keep down the expenses and the estimates we have succeeded in reducing the total disbursements each year.

The Credit of the United States.

The credit of this government was shown to be better than that of any other government by the sale of the Panama Canal 3 per cent bonds. These bonds did not give their owners the privilege of using them as a basis for banknote circulation, nor was there any other privilege extended to them which would affect their general market value. Their sale, therefore, measured the credit of the government. The premium which was realized upon the bonds made the actual interest rate of the transaction 2.909 per cent.

Efficiency and Economy in the Treasury Department.

In the treasury department the efficiency and economy work has been kept steadily up. Provision is made for the elimination of 134 positions during the coming year. Two hundred

and sixty-seven statutory positions were eliminated during the last year in the office of the treasury in Washington, and 141 positions in the year 1910, making an elimination of 542 statutory positions since March 4, 1909; and this has been done without the discharge of anybody, because the normal resignations and deaths have been equal to the elimination of the places, a system of transfers having taken care of the persons whose positions were dropped out. In the field service of the department, too, 1,259 positions have been eliminated down to the present time, making a total net reduction of all treasury positions to the number of 1,801. Meantime the efficiency of the work of the department has increased.

Monetary Reform.

A matter of first importance that will come before congress for action at this session is monetary reform. The congress has itself arranged an early introduction of this great question through the report of its monetary commission. This commission was appointed to recommend a solution of the banking and currency problems so long confronting the nation and to furnish the facts and data necessary to enable the congress to take action. The commission was appointed when an impressive and urgent popular demand for legislative relief suddenly arose out of the distressing situation of the people caused by the deplorable panic of 1907. The congress decided that while it could not give immediately the relief required, it would provide a commission to furnish the means for prompt action at a later date.

In order to do its work with thoroughness and precision this commission has taken some time to make its report. The country is undoubtedly hoping for as prompt action on the report as the convenience of the congress can permit. The recognition of the gross imperfections and marked inadequacy of our banking and currency system even in our most quiet financial periods is of long standing; and later there has matured a recognition of the fact that our system is responsible for the extraordinary devastation, waste and business paralysis of our recurring periods of panic. Though the members of the monetary commission have for a considerable time been working in the open, and while large numbers of the people have been openly working with them, and while the press has largely noted and discussed this work as it has proceeded, so that the report of the commission promises to represent a national movement, the details of the report are still being considered. I can not, therefore, do much more at this time than commend the immense importance of monetary reform, urge prompt consideration and action when the commission's report is received, and express my satisfaction that the plan to be proposed promises to embrace main features that, having met the approval of a great preponderance of the practical and professional opinion of the country, are likely to meet equal approval in congress.

It is exceedingly fortunate that the wise and undisputed policy of maintaining unchanged the main features of our banking system renders it at once impossible to introduce a central bank; for a central bank would certainly have been resisted, and a plan into which it could have been introduced would probably have been defeated. But as a central bank could not be a part of the only plan discussed or considered, that troublesome question is eliminated. And ingenious and novel as the proposed National Reserve association appears, it simply is a logical outgrowth of what is best in our present system, and is, in fact the fulfillment of that system.

Question Still Open.

Exactly how the management of that association should be organized is a question still open. It seems to be desirable that the banks which would own the association should in the main manage it. It will be an agency of the banks to act for them, and they can be trusted better than anybody else chiefly to conduct it. It is mainly bankers' work. But there must be some form of government supervision and ultimate control, and I favor a reasonable representation of the government in the management. I entertain no fear of the introduction of politics or of any undesirable influences from a properly measured government representation.

I trust that all banks of the country possessing the requisite standards will be placed upon a footing of perfect equality of opportunity. Both the national system and the state system should be fairly recognized, leaving them eventually to coalesce if that should prove to be their tendency. But such evolution cannot develop impartially if the banks of one system are given or permitted any advantages of opportunity over those of the other system. And I trust also that the new legislation will carefully and completely protect and assure the individuality and the independence of each bank, to the end that any tendency there may ever be toward a consolidation of the money or banking power of the nation shall be defeated.

It will always be possible, of course, to correct any features of the new law which may in practice prove to be unwise; so that while this law is sure to be enacted under conditions of unusual knowledge and authority, it also will include, it is well to remember, the possibility of future amendment.

With the present prospects of this long-awaited reform encouraging us, it would be singularly unfortunate if this monetary question should by any chance become a party issue. And I sincerely hope it will not. The exceeding amount of consideration it has received from the people of the nation has been wholly nonpartisan; and the

congress set its nonpartisan seal upon it when the monetary commission was appointed. In commending the question to the favorable consideration of congress, I speak for, and in the spirit of, the great number of my fellow citizens, who without any thought of party or partisanship feel with remarkable earnestness that this reform is necessary to the interests of all the people.

The War Department.

There is now before congress a bill, the purpose of which is to increase the efficiency and decrease the expense of the army. It contains four principal features: First, a consolidation of the general staff with the adjutant general's and the inspector general's departments; second, a consolidation of the quartermaster's department with the subsistence and pay departments; third, the creation of an army service corps; and fourth, an extension of the enlistment period from three to five years.

With the establishment of an army service corps, as proposed in the bill, I am thoroughly in accord and am convinced that the establishment of such a corps will result in a material economy and a very great increase of efficiency in the army. It has repeatedly been recommended by me and my predecessors. I also believe that a consolidation of the staff corps can be made with a resulting increase in efficiency and economy, but not along the lines provided in the bill under consideration.

In making the consolidations no reduction should be made in the total number of officers of the army, of whom there are now too few to perform the duties imposed by law. I have in the past recommended an increase in the number of officers by 600 in order to provide sufficient officers to perform all classes of staff duty and to reduce the number of line officers detached from their commands. Congress at the last session increased the total number of officers by 200, but this is not enough. Promotion in the line of the army is too slow. Officers do not attain command rank at an age early enough properly to exercise it. It would be a mistake further to retard this already slow promotion by throwing back into the line of the army a number of high-ranking officers to be absorbed as is provided in the proposed plan of consolidation.

Another feature of the bill which I believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. I believe it would be better to enlist men for six years, release them at the end of three years from active service, and put them in reserve for the remaining three years. Re-enlistments should be largely confined to the noncommissioned officers and other enlisted men in the skilled grades. This plan, by the payment of a comparatively small compensation during the three years of reserve, would keep a large body of men at the call of the government, trained and ready for service, and able to meet any exigency.

The army of the United States is in good condition. It showed itself able to meet an emergency in the successful mobilization of an army division of from 15,000 to 20,000 men, which took place along the border of Mexico during the recent disturbances in that country. The marvelous freedom from the ordinary camp diseases of typhoid fever and measles is referred to in the report of the secretary of war, and shows such an effectiveness in the sanitary regulations and treatment of the medical corps, and in the discipline of the army itself, as to invoke the highest commendation.

The Panama Canal.

The very satisfactory progress made on the Panama Canal last year has continued, and there is every reason to believe that the canal will be completed as early as the 1st of July, 1913, unless something unforeseen occurs. This is about 18 months before the time promised by the engineers.

We are now near enough the completion of the canal to make it imperative necessary that legislation should be enacted to fix the method by which the canal shall be maintained and controlled and the zone governed. The fact is that today there is no statutory law by authority of which the president is maintaining the government of the zone. Such authority was given in an amendment to the Spooner act, which expired by the terms of its own limitation some years ago. Since that the time government has continued under the advice of the attorney general that in the absence of action by congress, there is necessarily an implied authority on the part of the executive to maintain a government in a territory in which he has to see that the laws are executed. The fact that we have been able thus to get along during the important days of construction without legislation expressly formulating the government of the zone, or delegating the creation of it to the president, is not a reason for supposing that we may continue the same kind of a government after the construction is finished. The implied authority of the president to maintain a civil government in the zone may be derived from the mandatory direction given him in the original Spooner act, by which he was commanded to build the canal; but certainly, now that the canal is about to be completed and to be put under a permanent management, there ought to be specific statutory authority for its regulation and control and for the government of the zone, which we hold for the chief and main purpose of operating the canal.

I fully concur with the secretary of war that the problem is simply the management of a great public work, and not the government of a local republic; that every provision must be

directed toward the successful maintenance of the canal as an avenue of commerce, and that all provisions for the government of those who live within the zone should be subordinated to the main purpose.

Tolls.

I renew my recommendation with respect to the tolls of the canal that within limits, which shall seem wise to congress, the power of fixing tolls be given to the president. In order to arrive at a proper conclusion, there must be some experimenting, and this cannot be done if congress does not delegate the power to one who can act expeditiously.

I am very confident that the United States has the power to relieve from the payment of tolls any part of our shipping that congress deems wise. We own the canal. It was our money that built it. We have the right to charge tolls for its use. Those tolls must be the same to everyone; but when we are dealing with our own ships, the practice of many governments of subsidizing their own merchant vessels is so well established in general that a subsidy equal to the tolls, an equivalent remission of tolls, cannot be held to be a discrimination in the use of the canal. The practice in the Suez canal makes this clear.

The Philippine Islands.

In respect to the Philippines, I urgently join in the recommendation of the secretary of war that the act of February 6, 1905, limiting the indebtedness that may be incurred by the Philippine government for the construction of public works, be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The finances of that government are in excellent condition. The maximum sum mentioned is quite low as compared with the amount of indebtedness of other governments with similar resources, and the success which has attended the expenditure of the \$5,000,000 in the useful improvements of the harbors and other places in the islands justifies and requires additional expenditures for like purposes.

Naturalization.

I also join in the recommendation that the legislature of the Philippine Islands be authorized to provide for the naturalization of Filipinos and others who by the present law are treated as aliens, so as to enable them to become citizens of the Philippine Islands.

Rivers and Harbors.

The estimates for the river and harbor improvements reach \$32,000,000 for the coming year. I wish to urge that whenever a project has been adopted by congress as one to be completed, the more money which can be economically expended in its construction in each year, the greater the ultimate economy. This has especial application to the improvement of the Mississippi river and its large branches. It seems to me that an increase in the amount of money now being annually expended in the improvement of the Ohio river which has been formally adopted by congress would be in the interest of the public. A similar change ought to be made during the present congress, in the amount to be appropriated for the Missouri river.

Waterway From Lakes to the Gulf.

The project for a navigable waterway from Lake Michigan to the mouth of the Illinois river, and thence via the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, is one of national importance. In view of the work already accomplished by the sanitary district of Chicago, an agency of the state of Illinois, which has constructed the most difficult and costly stretch of this waterway and made it an asset of the nation, and in view of the fact that the people of Illinois have authorized the expenditure of \$20,000,000 to carry this waterway 62 miles farther to Utica, I feel that it is fitting that this work should be supplemented by the government, and that the expenditures recommended by the special board of engineers on the waterway from Utica to the mouth of the Illinois river be made upon lines which while providing a waterway for the nation, should otherwise benefit that state to the fullest extent.

The Department of Justice.

The report of the attorney-general shows that he has subjected to close examination the accounts of the clerks of the Federal courts; that he has found a good many which disclose irregularities or dishonesty; but that he has had considerable difficulty in securing an effective prosecution or removal of the clerks thus derelict. I am certainly not unduly prejudiced against the Federal courts, but the fact is that the long and confidential relations which grow out of the tenure for life on the part of judge and the practical tenure for life on the part of the clerk are not calculated to secure the strictness of dealing by the judge with the clerk in respect to his fees and accounts which assures in the clerk's conduct a freedom from overcharge and carelessness. The relationship between the judge and the clerk makes it ungracious for members of the bar to complain of the clerk or for department examiners to make charges against him to be heard by the court, and an order of removal of a clerk and a judgment for the recovery of fees are in some cases reluctantly entered by the judge. For this reason I recommend an amendment to the law whereby the president shall be given power to remove the clerks for cause. This provision need not interfere with the right of the judge to appoint his clerk or to remove him.

Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation Commission.

The limitation of the liability of the master to his servant for personal injuries to such as are occasioned by his fault has been abandoned in most civilized countries and provision made

whereby the employee injured in the course of his employment is compensated for his loss of working ability irrespective of negligence. The principle upon which such provision proceeds is that accidental injuries to workmen in modern industry, with its vast complexity and inherent dangers arising from complicated machinery and the use of the great forces of steam and electricity, should be regarded as risks of the industry and the loss borne in some equitable proportion by those who for their own profit engage therein. In recognition of this the last congress authorized the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of employers' liability and workmen's compensation and to report the result of their investigations, through the president, to congress. This commission was appointed and has been at work, holding hearings, gathering data, and considering the subject, and it is expected to be able to report by the first of the year, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Measures to Prevent Delay and Unnecessary Cost of Litigation.

In promotion of the movement for the prevention of delay and unnecessary cost in litigation, I am glad to say that the Supreme court has taken steps to reform the present equity rules of the Federal courts, and that we may in the near future expect a revision of them which will be a long step in the right direction.

Postoffice.

At the beginning of the present administration in 1909 the postal service was in arrears to the extent of \$17,479,770.47. It was very much the largest deficit on record. In the brief space of two years this has been turned into a surplus of \$220,000, which has been accomplished without curtailment of the postal facilities, as may be seen by the fact that there have been established 3,744 new postoffices; delivery by carrier has been added to the service in 186 cities; 2,516 new rural routes have been established, covering 60,000 miles; the force of postal employees has been increased in these two years by more than 8,000, and their average annual salary has had a substantial increase.

Postal Savings System.

On January 3, 1911, postal savings depositories were established experimentally in 48 states and territories. After three months' successful operation the system was extended as rapidly as feasible to the 7,500 postoffices of the first, second, and third classes constituting the presidential grade. By the end of the year practically all of these will have been designated and then the system will be extended to all fourth-class postoffices doing a money-order business.

The deposits have kept pace with the extension of the system. Amounting to only \$60,652 at the end of the first month's operation in the experimental offices, they increased to \$679,310 by July, and now after 11 months of operation have reached a total of \$11,000,000. This sum is distributed among 2,710 banks and protected under the law by bonds deposited with the treasurer of the United States.

Parcel Post.

Steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of a rural parcel post. In the estimates of appropriations needed for the maintenance of the postal service for the ensuing fiscal year an item of \$150,000 has been inserted to cover the preliminary expense of establishing a parcel post on rural mail routes, as well as to cover an investigation having for its object the final establishment of a general parcel post on all railway and steamboat transportation routes. The department believes that after the initial expenses of establishing the system are defrayed and the parcel post is in full operation on the rural routes it will not only bring in sufficient revenue to meet its cost, but also a surplus that can be utilized in paying the expenses of a parcel post in the city delivery service.

It is hoped that congress will authorize the immediate establishment of a limited parcel post on such rural routes as may be selected.

The suggestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some who think that it will have the effect to destroy the business of the country store keeper. Instead of doing this, I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain.

The Navy Department.

On the 2d of November last I reviewed the fighting fleet of battleships and other vessels assembled in New York harbor, consisting of 24 battleships, 2 armored cruisers, 2 cruisers, 22 destroyers, 12 torpedo boats, 8 submarines, and other attendant vessels, making 98 vessels of all classes, of a tonnage of 576,634 tons. Those who saw the fleet were struck with its preparedness and with its high military efficiency. All Americans should be proud of its personnel.

The fleet was deficient in the number of torpedo destroyers, in cruisers, and in collars, as well as in large battleship cruisers, which are now becoming a very important feature of foreign navies, notably the British, German and Japanese.

The building plan for this year contemplates two battleships and two collars. This is because the other and smaller vessels can be built much more rapidly in case of emergency than the battleships, and we certainly ought to continue the policy of two battleships a year until after the Panama Canal is finished and until in our first line and in our reserve line we can number 40 available vessels of proper armament and size.

The reorganization of the navy and

the appointment of four aids to the secretary have continued to demonstrate their usefulness. It would be difficult now to administer the affairs of the navy without the expert counsel and advice of these aids, and I renew the recommendation which I made last year, that the aids be recognized by statute.

It is certain that the navy, with its present size, should have admirals in active command higher than rear admirals.

Like the treasury department and the war department, the navy department has given much attention to economy in administration, and has cut down a number of unnecessary expenses and reduced its estimates except for construction and the increase that that involves.

I urge upon congress the necessity for an immediate increase of 2,000 men in the enlisted strength of the navy, provided for in the estimates. Four thousand more are now needed to man all the available vessels.

There are in the service today about 47,760 enlisted men of all ratings.

Careful computation shows that in April, 1912, 49,168 men will be required for vessels in commission, and 3,000 apprentice seamen should be kept under training at all times.

Abolition of Navy Yards.

The secretary of the navy has recommended the abolition of certain of the smaller and unnecessary navy yards, and in order to furnish a complete and comprehensive report has referred the question of all navy yards to the joint board of the army and navy. This board will shortly make its report and the secretary of the navy advises me that his recommendations on the subject will be presented early in the coming year. The measure of economy contained in a proper handling of this subject is so great and so important to the interests of the nation that I shall present it to congress as a separate subject apart from my annual message.

Council of National Defense.

I urge again upon congress the desirability of establishing the council of national defense. The bill to establish this council was before congress last winter, and it is hoped that this legislation will pass during the present session. The purpose of the council is to determine the general policy of national defense and to recommend to congress and to the president such measures relating to it as it shall deem necessary and expedient.

No such machinery is now provided by which the readiness of the army and navy may be improved and the programs of military and naval requirements shall be co-ordinated and properly scrutinized with a view to the necessities of the whole nation rather than of separate departments.

Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and Labor.

For the consideration of matters which are pending or have been disposed of in the agricultural department and in the department of commerce and labor, I refer to the very excellent reports of the secretaries of those departments. I shall not be able to submit to congress until after the Christmas holidays the question of conservation of our resources arising in Alaska and the west and the question of the rate for second-class mail matter in the post office department.

Civil Retirement and Contributory Pension System.

I have already advocated, in my last annual message, the adoption of a civil service retirement system, with a contributory feature to it so as to reduce to a minimum the cost to the government of the pensions to be paid. After considerable reflection, I am very much opposed to a pension system that involves no contribution from the employees. I think the experience of other governments justifies this view; but the crying necessity for some such contributory system, with possibly a preliminary governmental outlay, in order to cover the initial cost and to set the system going at once while the contributions are accumulating, is manifest on every side. Nothing will so much promote the economy and efficiency of the government as such a system. Elimination of All Local Offices From Politics.

I wish to renew again my recommendation that all the local offices throughout the country, including collectors of internal revenue, collectors of customs, postmasters of all four classes, immigration commissioners and marshals, should be by law covered into the classified service, the necessity for confirmation by the senate be removed, and the president and the others, whose time is now taken up in distributing this patronage under the custom that has prevailed since the beginning of the government in accordance with the recommendation of the senators and congressmen of the majority party should be relieved from this burden. I am confident that such a change would greatly reduce the cost of administering the government, and that it would add greatly to its efficiency. It would take away the power to use the patronage of the government for political purposes. When officers are recommended by senators and congressmen from political motives and for political services rendered, it is impossible to expect that while in office the appointees will not regard their tenure as more or less dependent upon continued political service for their patrons, and no regulations, however stiff or rigid, will prevent this, because such regulations, in view of the method and motive for selection, are plainly inconsistent and deemed hardly worthy of respect.

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